

**Minutes  
Alton Milfoil Committee  
October 15, 2015  
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Paul Richardson, Jonathan and Nancy Downing and Bill Mannion.  
Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

***Call to Order***

Chairman, Ted Carl called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

***Approval of Minutes 9/17/2015***

B. Mannion made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

***Old Business***

**Select Contractors for 2016-2018-**

**Herbicide:**

The Committee discussed the bid received from Aquatic Control Technology for the herbicide treatment of milfoil. It was noted they were the only bidder and the bid was complete and similar to the last time they submitted a bid, the cost remained the same for the three years. ACT submitted the bid after the advertised deadline because they reported they were not notified of the bid. P. Richardson made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Aquatic Control Technology be awarded the three year bid for herbicide treatment; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed.

**DASH:**

The Committee discussed the bids received for DASH. The Committee commented that DASH is not a good or a product, it is a service that is performed underwater and the results are not something that can be visually verified by the Committee. DES verifies the DASH results each fall and spring. The Committee discussed the difference of harvesting milfoil versus hand pulling the roots of the milfoil and the need to hand pull in order to be successful. The Committee discussed the progress the team has made and the success the group has achieved through their cooperative efforts.

J. Downing made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that AB Aquatics be awarded the DASH bid because the company is verifiable, they have demonstrated and proven their ability to complete the removal of milfoil by hand pulling; they are knowledgeable and have experience in Alton's water bodies and they know the problem areas and how to stage for them, DASH them and dispose of the waste; they are approachable and in constant communication with the Committee and are flexible in their scheduling and methodology; they are professional and their equipment is in outstanding working order. Their follow-up reports are concise and excellent; they are efficient and have consistently produced the desired results without wasting materials, time or energy. Motion was

seconded by B. Mannion and passed. The Committee stated they are confident the Town of Alton will receive the best service with the most productivity by recommending AB Aquatics. T. Carl will inform the Town Administrator of the Committee's recommendations for awarding the bids.

*Other*

**Lake Wide Milfoil Meeting**- The Committee discussed attendance at the Lake Wide Milfoil Management Meeting in November and the value of Alton attending the meeting.

**Lake Host**- Alton contributed \$1,250.53 to the Lake Host Program, to include matching volunteer hours. \$980 was spent from the \$1,500 grant. The Committee discussed the educational value of the Lake Host program and recommended continuation of program in 2016.

**Next meeting date**- The next Milfoil Committee meeting will be May 12, 2016 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

*Adjournment*

N. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional  
Parks and Recreation Director*