

**Minutes  
Alton Milfoil Committee  
November 3, 2011  
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

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

***Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by J. Downing who was conducting the meeting in the absence of the chairman.

***Approval of Minutes 10/6/11***

N. Downing made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 6, 2011 as presented; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

***Old Business***

**A. Alton Wells and Chemical Treatment-** J. Downing informed the Committee that he met with Bill Curtain from the Alton Water Works Department to discuss bringing the third well online located by the Alton Fire Station. If the third well is online there may be an option for the Town to treat the river. Mr. Curtain will get back to the Committee with more information in order for the Committee to weigh the pros and cons and conduct a cost analysis of the project.

**B. Summary of 2011 DASH-**

J. Downing reported there was good communication with the contractor and the project was overseen and inspected by Committee members. J. Downing said the contractor fulfilled the contract and also performed services for five days in the Merrymeeting River, making a channel to the concrete trestle. The contractor will submit a report to the Town and State with GPS areas indicated. It was noted the milfoil in the River was rooted deeper and there is more milfoil by the Fire Station. The area by the water bandstand is extensive and chemicals would be the best solution for treatment in that location. It was discussed that the combination of chemicals and DASH are the most effective way to manage the milfoil which is an ongoing issue.

***New Business***

**Review of Bids-**

The Committee discussed the funding options and stated that the Board of Selectmen decided to request a Warrant Article for the milfoil funding and not place the contracting services in the operating budget. The Committee discussed recommending \$20,000.00 for the Warrant Article Request.

The Committee reviewed the bids and noted the low bidder for the chemical treatment was Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. for \$17,595.00 and the low bidder for the DASH treatment was AB Aquatics for \$8,500.00 for 10 days. The Committee discussed the qualifications of the low bidders

and past experience with past hired contractors. The Committee noted that chairman, T. Carl recommended the low bidders based on their qualifications and price. The Committee stated that the matching grant funds should be received from DES for reimbursement to the Town for this year and next year. J. Downing made a motion to recommend the two low bidders and to recommend \$20,000.00 for the 2012 Milfoil Treatment Warrant Article; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed. The Committee discussed the importance of getting the contracts signed and returned to the contractors in order to get the work scheduled in a timely manner, it will be noted on the contracts that the Town will be able to proceed with the contracts contingent upon Town Meeting/funding approval.

#### *Other*

**Lake Host**- The Committee discussed the value of the Lake Host program and agreed to participate in 2012. The application deadline is around February and the Town will apply for the Grant.

**Bayside Article**- P. Richardson offered to write a milfoil summary article of work completed in 2011 and plans for 2012; a photo of Bubble Bob will accompany the article.

#### *Adjournment*

P. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed. The next meeting will be announced at a future date.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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