

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
December 2, 2010
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Jon and Nancy Downing, Paul Richardson, Nancy Merrill, Paul Kroon, Brad Smith and Joe Catudal

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Chairman, J. Downing.

Approval of Minutes 10/21/10

Two changes were noted in the Draft Minutes and were made. P. Richardson made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2010 as amended; motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business

- A. **Review Draft Letter to Lycott-** Paul Richardson drafted a letter from the Milfoil Committee to Lycott in regard to the Committee's concerns and feedback from the 2010 treatment and items to be addressed for the treatment in 2011. N. Downing made a motion to approve sending the letter to Lycott, motion was seconded by J. Catudal and passed.
- B. **Review Draft News Release -** Paul Richardson prepared a draft News Release in regard to the successful milfoil treatment process in 2010- "Positive results from initial milfoil treatment in Alton Winnepesaukee Waters". N. Downing made a motion to send the press release to the Baysider Newspaper; motion was seconded by J. Catudal and passed. The Committee also discussed sending a press release in the spring of 2011 as an additional follow up for residents that are not in Alton in the winter months and to inform the public about the award of additional grant monies.

New Business

- A. **Review DES Post-Treatment Report, Bids for 2011 and Grant Award-** DES did a post treatment survey with new mapping. The Committee discussed the Town of Alton already having a signed contract and a plan with Lycott for treatment in 2011. The Committee discussed the bids/maps that were received for treatment in 2011 and additional locations in Alton that needed to be treated- this process was initiated by DES without Town consent or notification. The Committee determined that when the bids were compared and broken down in detail that Lycott was the low bidder. The Committee noted that the grant award of \$3,555.00 was based on the bid from ACT which was determined the low bidder by the State of NH. The Committee discussed honoring the 2 year contract with Lycott and re-negotiating the contract to include changes to treatment areas and determining the 2011 treatment cost. The Committee discussed the importance of getting the paperwork completed and a plan in place in order to proceed with the permitting process. The Committee discussed members attending a meeting in Concord with DES, the State Water Division and the Alton Water Department to work on an alternative plan with the Town wells during the treatment process.

P. Richardson reviewed the Warrant Article funding request and the components of the budget that generated the requested amount. It was noted that the Parks and Recreation Budget was not funded \$2,500.00 for milfoil treatment and that those monies would need to be made up in the Warrant Article request. The Committee discussed allowing in the budget for additional hand pulling in smaller infested areas. The Committee discussed feedback including: the area around Parker Marine was not done well because there were too many boats; Gillan Marine and Public Boat docks areas were good and the area adjacent to the Town Beach was not effective. The Milfoil Committee noted they thought the State Plan to treat milfoil in Alton Bay would be followed but noted that year two is now different and is not consistent with what the Committee was told. The Committee suggested putting together a team to consist of the state, town and contractor to discuss the milfoil treatment so we are all on the same page and the expectations and plan is clear.

- B. Review and Approve “Report to Selectmen”, dated December 2, 2010-** The Committee reviewed the Report to the Selectmen written by J. Downing and read to the Committee by N. Downing. Included in the report was a summary of the Committee’s activities and recommendations; a newspaper article titled, “Alton Milfoil Committee Very Active in 2010” and Two Maps: 2011 Tentative Treatment Areas. P. Richardson made a motion to send the letter to the Selectmen; motion was seconded by N. Merrill and passed. The Committee discussed recommending \$7,500.00 for the Warrant Article for the 2011 Milfoil Treatment based on the monies that will be needed. P. Richardson made a motion to recommend \$7,500.00 for the Milfoil Warrant Article, motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed. (Please note that because the \$2,500.00 was not approved in the Parks and Recreation budget an additional \$2,500.00 will need to be placed in the Warrant Article request).
- C. DES Matching Funds Grant-** The Town of Alton was awarded \$3,555.00 in matching funds for milfoil treatment. K. Troendle will respond to DES and accept the grant on behalf of the Town. After the Town accepts the grant the State will start the process and forward paperwork to the Town for completion. K. Troendle will also contact Lycott to arrange a meeting to discuss the 2011 contract and changes that need to be made in addition to discussing the letter that will be presented at the meeting about the Committee’s concerns and feedback on the 2010 treatment.
- D. Lake Host Program-** P. Richardson reported that the Town is interested in sponsoring the Lake Host Program in 2011 and in February 2011 the Lake Host organization will send out a request for grants and the Town will respond and apply for the grant at that time.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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