

Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
November 20, 2013 6:30PM
New Durham Town Hall

Present: Art and Susan Hoover, Fred and Cynthia Quimby, Aline Goss, Tom Rogenski, Leeann Beals, Wayne Glidden and Bill Meyer.

Absent: none

- (1) Call to Order: Fred Quimby convened the scheduled meeting at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. The minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting were discussed and Bill moved to approve the minutes as written. Wayne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- (2) Fred reported that he had presented the committee's budget for 2014 to the Board of Selectmen. The board approved the request for \$12,000 to fully fund the chemical application in high density areas of Jones and Downing Ponds. Should there be any funds remaining after chemical treatment it may be used, along with volunteers, to pay divers to pull the milfoil in low density areas.
- (3) Fred reports that Amy Smagula (NH Exotic Species Program Coordinator) has received 2 bids for applying herbicide and 4 bids for diver removal of milfoil, she is reviewing these bids. These bids will be evaluated by the committee after they are forwarded to Fred by Amy.
- (4) Fred has sent a request to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services - Dam Bureau asking for permission to lower the water above Jones Pond, approximately 4 feet, between November 20, 2013 and January 1, 2014 in order to freeze the roots of milfoil plants remaining in this area. In addition we plan to request the BODs to lower the water behind Jones and Downing Ponds two weeks before the 2014 chemical application and raising the dams two days before the application in order to create stagnant water which will improve the effectiveness of the herbicide. The water in these ponds will be allowed to return to its normal levels.
- (5) The herbicide, Renovate Max G, used in 2013 was less effective than expected in areas with swifter flowing water. This product didn't settle fast enough in these areas. In July 2014 a denser herbicide, Diquat, will be applied.
- (6) Fred will present the 2014 committee budget to the New Durham Budget Committee, this evening, 11-20-2014.
- (7) Wayne made a motion to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Sincerely,

Tom Rogenski, Secretary