

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Moultonborough Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

02JUN2025@ 8:30AM

Attendees: Mike Couture, Karin Nelson, Amy Lindamood, Tracy Waterman, Deb Daecetis
Others present: John Putnam

Meeting called to order at 0835

- Review minutes from last meeting – Moved to accept by Amy, second Deb. Minutes approved as read
- Finances – Karin reported that approximately \$100K of unspent funds from last year was rolled over to the current year. An additional \$100K was requested and approved at the annual Town Meeting. Approximately \$4K has been spent this year for permitting and current balance is \$196,111.67
- DES grant – Karin reported that DES has granted matching funds to the town for milfoil treatment up to \$50,828. Karin raised questions about current status of the Bridled Shiner (fish). Historically, treatment for milfoil has been delayed until July due to seasonal breeding of this protected species. We may need to contact NH Fish and Game to get details of current status. Current plans are to stay with treatments initiating in July. Survey activity is expected to be completed in late June. Mike reported removing milfoil fragments at the shoreline in front of his house (Green's Basin). Karin reported a very small number of fragments in Lee's Pond. Amy reported that she has seen none.
- Lake Host – Tracy reported that NH Lakes has granted \$4,400 to the town to support Lake Host expenses. Tracy reported that significant turnover with NH Lakes personnel in Concord has led to much confusion and miscommunication regarding hiring for this season. In spite of this, we are fully staffed for this season. John Putnam has volunteered to help work with Tracy and the Lake Host personnel. He stated that he learned of the program by speaking with Lake Host workers at the Lee's Mills launch. Per prior committee discussions, Tracy has continued to search for suitable shelters to allow Lake Host workers to be protected from weather. Tracy has identified a potential solution that is analogous to a bob house on a trailer, which would allow the shelter to be transported to the sites in the spring and removed in the fall. Tracy has already spoken with and received approval to store the shelters at the town Highway Department site. Cost for the shelter example viewed at the meeting is \$5K and the committee has already allocated \$10K for the cost of such shelters. Since permanent shelters are already being built at some of the town launches, the Lake Host program would require only two or three of these mobile shelters. Tracy informed the committee that after 13 years, she is working on a two year transition plan to allow someone else to head the program
- DASH/Diver plans – The committee recommended accepting the DASH bid from Twin State to the BOS. This recommendation was accepted and a contract will be executed by the Town Administrator. For hand-pull diver work, the committee recommended using Diver for Hire again this year and this is being put in place, as well. Since the survey activity will not be completed (by NHDES) until late June, DASH and hand-pull work will not commence until July. Diver for Hire noted last year a significant amount of milfoil growing in the channel between Lee's Pond and the Lee's Mills launch, however at that point in the season it was difficult to distinguish and separate from Spiny Naiad and native vegetation. A motion was made by Mike to hire Diver for Hire to conduct a survey of this channel prior to the next committee

meeting, not to exceed 4 hours at \$160/hr. The motion was seconded by Amy and was unanimously approved. Karin will contact Diver for Hire to initiate.

- Other business - None
- Next meeting date – 08JUL2025 @ 9:30AM
- Motion to adjourn motion by Mike, second by Tracy @ 0947

Posted by Mike Couture, Secretary, MMC