

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Moultonborough Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

10JUL2025@ 9:30AM

Attendees: Mike Couture, Karin Nelson, Amy Lindamood, Tracy Waterman, Deb Daecetis
Others present: Brennan Dwyer, Sharon Wells

Meeting called to order at 9:32am.

- Review minutes from last meeting. Moved to accept by Amy, second Tracy. Minutes approved as read
- Guest attendee: Brennan Dwyer – Intern to the Town Administrator
 - Mr. Dwyer is developing a handbook of and for town volunteers and requested to be added to the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Dwyer presented the committee with four questions:
 - What can cause frustration when first joining a committee? Mike stated that understanding committee operations and requirements under RSAs caused frustration due to lack of training. Karin stated that the turnover in town personnel posed challenges to conducting the business of the committee.
 - What is still frustrating? The committee offered that some of the same issues still cause frustrations.
 - What will help? Amy offered that a handbook detailing committee requirements and guidance may help. Additionally, clear definition of committee roles and responsibilities has been developed in the past, but should be regularly reviewed and updated, as needed.
 - What can we do better? Committee awareness and communications to the town, at large, was discussed. Several years ago, an email address was established to encourage residents to bring questions or concerns to the committee: <https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/276/Milfoil-Committee> Very occasional correspondence is received thru this link. Sharon Wells asked about the committee presence on the town website and it was feasible to move the committee link to the town home page – at least during the typical boating season. Prior activities by the committee to raise awareness and recruit volunteers have drawn very little interest. Tracy discussed the role that Lake Hosts plays in educating boaters about milfoil and how to prevent its spread.
- Finances – Karin reported that fund balance at the end of last month was \$196,111.67. Following 43 hours of hand-pulling milfoil in the Lee's Mills launch area, current balance is \$192,431.

- Dive progress – Two divers were hired again this year to conduct hand-pulling operations in areas where DASH or herbicide may not be appropriate. In particular the channel area adjacent to the Lee's Mills launch was observed to have significant milfoil last year, but was not harvested at that time due to significant growth among other native plants. Earlier diving this year was able to clearly distinguish the milfoil from other plants and 126.5 gallons were harvested over the course of several days.
- Herbicide – The survey conducted by NHDES was completed on 09JUL2025. Four areas were identified for recommended herbicide treatment – northern area of Green's Basin, adjacent to Goodwin Island and Badger Island, and near Whaleback Island. These areas total 14 acres. Amy motioned to approve the areas recommended by the NHDES survey for herbicide treatment with second from Deb. Motion was approved unanimously. Treatment is likely to take place in approximately mid-August.
- DASH – The committee discussed whether the DASH activity should start now, with follow-up after herbicide treatment. Karin was unsure if the contractor will be able to make two trips. Karin will contact the contractor and if two trips is not feasible, then DASH will be scheduled after the herbicide treatment to "clean up" remaining growth areas.
- Weed Watchers – Deb reported that a training event was conducted in Green's Basin near the end of June and it was well attended. Another training session may be planned later this season.
- Other business – None.
- Next meeting date – 19AUG2025 @ 9:30AM.
- Motion to adjourn motion by Tracy, second by Amy @ 10:29am.

Posted by Mike Couture, Secretary, MMC