

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Moultonborough Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

25SEP2025@ 9:30AM

Attendees: Mike Couture, Amy Lindamood, Tracy Waterman, Deb Daecetis

Others present: Karin Nelson (via phone)

Meeting called to order at 0937 with Mike acting as interim Chair

- Review minutes from last meeting – Moved to accept by Deb, second Tracy. Minutes approved as read
- Dive progress/herbicide treatment – Karin reported that DASH completed work in six days and harvested approximately 200 gallons of milfoil plants and root balls. DASH crew also provided a list of inaccessible areas that were then serviced by hand-pull divers, yielding approximately an additional 300 gallons between Lee's Pond and Lake Winni. Herbicide treatment was applied by Solitude on 05AUG2025. Survey results so far indicate good results and this was confirmed by divers. All harvest and treatment activities are now complete for 2025.
- Finances/2026 budget – Total annual expenses to date were reviewed and a proposed budget for 2026 was presented by Karin and discussed by the committee. Amy moved to accept the proposed 2026 budget and this was seconded by Mike. Motion passed unanimously. Also discussed were historical expenditure amounts for the last 15 years. This data shows average expenditures of approximately \$200,000 until 2019. After 2019 the spending trend is significantly lower – approximately \$100,000, plus or minus \$25,000 variance year to year. This trend and expected variance will be provided to BOS for longer range budget expectations over the next 5-10 years.
- Lake Host update – Tracy reported that Lake Host inspections were up significantly, with 2700 inspections conducted in 2025 vs 1900 in 2024. Stickers and brochures are still handed out by Lake Host personnel at the boat launches, but most people are now familiar with Lake Host and the prevention program. Tracy reported that she is training a replacement and hopes to turn over operation of Lake Host within the next year. Tracy reported that many of the 2025 staff will be returning in 2026 and that only 2-3 new staff are anticipated for 2026.
- Other business - None
- Next meeting date – 20NOV2025 @ 9:30AM. Mike to confirm meeting room availability and that the committee will have a quorum present
- Motion to adjourn motion by Tracy, second by Deb @ 1037

Posted by Mike Couture, Secretary, MMC