

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Moultonborough Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

26SEP2023 @ 9:30AM

Attendees: Karin Nelson, Mike Couture, Amy Lindamood, Peter Lemmond, Tracy Waterman
Others present: Al Hoch, Deb Daecetis, Jon Tolman, Charles Smith

Meeting called to order at 0931

- Review minutes from last meeting – Amy moved to accept as written, second Tracy. Minutes accepted, as submitted
- Lake Host Wrap-Up – Tracy reported that a total of 3,331 boat inspections were performed through the season with no invasive plants found. All findings were native species. The committee discussed if expansion of inspection days and/or hours was recommended, since current coverage is 8:00 AM to 5:00PM on weekends and holidays only. No expansion is currently recommended or planned.
- Finance update - Current fund balance is \$30,023. The budgeted expenditure for 2023 was \$130,00 and actuals to date is \$142,979. This is the first time that the budget has been exceeded in many years and was due principally to herbicide treatment of the maximum area allowed. Karin estimated that approximately \$2,000 may remain in payables this year.
- Budget for 2024 – Following review of current finances, the committee began discussions about a proposed budget for the 2024 season. Bids from DASH providers are expected by late November and these numbers will help to guide the budget recommendations and requests. Budget discussions will continue for the next several meetings.
- DASH and diving (hand pulling) update – Karin notified the committee that a new invasive species was discovered by divers near the Lee’s Mills launch and it was positively identified as Spiny Naiad. The plant is known to spread by seeds released in the Fall. All of the visible growth was hand-pulled by divers (9 gallons), but this plant may be a new concern for the committee to monitor.
- Zone/Sector report – The committee reviewed a summary report of historical activity (herbicide treatment, DASH, and/or hand-pulling) throughout Moultonborough in Lake Winni and Lee’s Pond. This information will be used by the committee to review trends for treatment effectiveness and harvest amounts with hopes that this information can help guide future mitigation efforts.
- Other business
 - Mike will prepare a brief newsletter by end of October summarizing the activities of the 2023 season
 - Charles Smith and Jon Tolman spoke with the committee about establishing a “Conference of Committees” to bring together Town Officials and members of the various committees annually. The purpose of such a conference will be to review and align high-level goals for the town. In an initial survey of such goals, many ultimately are directly related to maintaining good water quality in our lakes – something our committee is directly impacting

- Next meeting dates – 24OCT2023 @ 0930 (if needed), 05DEC2023 @0930
- Adjournment motion by Amy, second Tracy. Adjourned at 1054

Posted by Mike Couture, Secretary, MMC