

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
November 13, 2014**

Members Present: Jim McElroy, Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Bill Elliott

Members Absent: Gerard Costantino

Others Present: Dianne Park, Susan Marks

Quorum: A quorum was met with 4 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Ned, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2014 as amended. All were in favor.

Page 2, under "Winter Meeting Schedule" change the first sentence to read: "All members agreed to consider meeting every other month during the winter months."

Status of Milfoil Control Efforts

The last hand pulling efforts on the Danforth was conducted on October 9, 2014. Spending to date is:

- \$6,500 from budget line item
- \$6,469.50 from Milfoil Gift Account
- \$4,104.20 grant reimbursement to the town still pending
- \$639.81 administrative costs

Jim McElroy spoke at the Berry Bay Annual Meeting on October 11, 2014 as well as submitted a written article for the Ossipee Lake Alliance Newsletter. Jim met with the Freedom Board of Selectmen (BoS) to discuss the 2015 FAISC budget. The BoS would like to keep the same funding in 2015 as 2014. The Committee will increase funding efforts to the gift account. This will be revisited at the end of the year to see the status of the gift account and the possible need to increase the line item amount. There is the potential for higher grant funding next year because of the increase in boat registration. Jim will look at the spending analysis to check the donations for the past 3-4 years. There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Bruce, to accept the current status report. All were in favor.

Invoices

Company-Aquatic Control Technologies

Date-October 22, 2014

Invoice #-20609

Amount-\$700.00

Re: Pre and post survey results as well as October 9, 2014 efforts.

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Bruce, to approve invoice #20609 from Aquatic Control Technologies for \$700.00. All were in favor.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

NHDES Grant for 2015

Four (4) bid requests were sent out for DASH suppliers ó One (1) received
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More bids are expected back before the end of the year.

Winter Meeting Schedule

Jim passed out a proposed meeting schedule for November, 2014 ó December 2015.

November, 2014 ó per schedule

December, 2014 ó cancel

January, 2015 ó per schedule

February, 2015 ó cancel

March, 2015 ó per schedule

April, 2015 ó cancel

May, 2015 ó November, 2015 ó per schedule

December, 2015 ó cancel

The board can add meetings as necessary and will use the March, 2015 meeting to discuss the possibility of adding a meeting for April, 2015. There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Ned, to accept the meeting schedule. All were in favor.

New Business

Ned surveyed Round Pond and found possible coral and bladderwort. He took samples to Jim for identification. The committee discussed the possibility of having Amy come to Freedom to train people for the Weed Watcher Program and while here survey some water bodies.

Bruce brought up the possibility of reaching out to different Town Associations (ex. Berry Bay Assoc., etc.) for participation in the Weed Watcher Program and donations to the gift account. Jim will submit a written draft letter for discussion at the January meeting for distribution at the March meeting.

Other Business

Ned has finished putting up all new Milfoil signs.

There was a motion by Ned, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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