

Wolfeboro Milfoil Control Committee

January 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Town Hall Annex Conference Room

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Members present: Kathy Barnard (Chair), Becky Bartlett, Kurt Dietzer, Susan Goodwin, Marc Martin, Linda Murray, Tom Ouhrabka (on phone), John Russell, and also Ken Marschner.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Barnard at 4:00 p.m.

Becky moved and Marc seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2018 Treatment Plans for Back Bay

1) Chemical Treatment

Two bids were received from SOLitude for the chemical treatment of "up to 33 acres" of Back Bay. The bid using Navigate was for \$28,158 and the other using Procellacor was \$24,927. Procellacor is not yet approved but is expected to be registered with EPA early this year. Back Bay has been identified as a potential trial site.

We were all agreed that we should treat in the fall rather than the spring to avoid issues with high water flow and with the various users of Back Bay.

Susan moved and Linda seconded the motion to do the chemical treatment in the fall using Procellacor. The motion passed unanimously. Susan will work on an abutter list. We also need to notify any people who have wells that they use for irrigation.

2) Hand-pulling

Two companies submitted bids for the hand-pulling, AB Aquatics and Aqualogic. Aqualogic's bid was for \$907/day using their DASH and \$800/day using ours. We've used them the past 2 years. Last year we paid them \$790/day with our DASH unit. The bid from AB Aquatics was \$1,140/day.

Ken had talked with Cliff Cabral of New England Milfoil who we've used in the past and been pleased with, but he is busy at Belgrade Lakes and is not interested. We've had some clashes with AB Aquatics in the past dealing with building our DASH boats and on the Joint Board. Although we weren't happy with Aqualogic's work last summer, they are familiar with our equipment and know they did not do well last year. We hope we can work with them to improve their performance. Dom

Jude has purchased the business from his father, John Jude, and they have developed some new procedures which should help deal with the issue of floaters. Susan moved and Becky seconded the motion that Kathy proceed with getting contract with Aqualogic for hand-pulling. We will insist that they use 3 people as specified in their contract. We agreed that hand-pulling around the docks and the waterski and model sailboat courses is necessary before the 4th of July.

Acceptance of DES Grant

Linda moved and John seconded that we accept the \$9,232 grant from NH DES. The motion passed unanimously.

Our proposed budget was for \$20,500 for the chemical treatment and \$11,400 for hand-pulling with another \$750 for Wolfeboro's share for the Milfoil Joint Board and \$2,000 for the Lake Host Program for a total of \$34,650. Although the 2 bids both came in over what we budgeted, we have \$1,000 in the public trust and will get \$9,232 from the state and so we should be OK. Kathy will ask Pete Chamberlin how an over-expenditure is accounted for with the grant.

Ken pointed out a contradiction in the SOLitude contract for Procellacor. Because it claims that there are no drinking water, swimming or fishing restrictions with Procellacor, we wonder about the need to notify water users and to post the area. Kathy will ask Amy Smagula for clarification and also ask about the Frog Pond. The contract says up to 33 acres, but Amy's treatment map includes the Frog Pond so we believe there are 35 acres in total.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18.

Submitted by:

Susan Goodwin, Secretary