

TUFTONBORO and WOLFEBORO
Joint Board Meeting for the
IMA on Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control
May 10, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro), David Owen (Wolfeboro-Alternate), Linda Murray (Wolfeboro), Marc Martin (Wolfeboro), Kathy Barnard (Wolfeboro), Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro) and Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro-Alternate).

Call to Order: Chairman Ken Marschner convened the meeting at 9:30 AM at the Wolfeboro Town Annex conference meeting room.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed. During discussion, it was noted that the word “air” needs to be added before the word “hose” in the last sentence on the first page. **It was then moved by Steve Wingate, with Linda Murray seconding, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting as corrected. The motion was then approved unanimously.**

Financial Report: Dave Owen provided copies of a Report of Revenues and Expenses as of May 8, 2018, which reflected net funds available for expenditure of \$25,794.88. He pointed out that this includes counting the receivable dues amounts of \$750 from both Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro. He handed an invoice for Tuftonboro’s dues to Bill Marcussen. There were no questions or concerns about the financial report.

Old Business: DASH Unit Update-Status

Ken Marschner states that the D.A.S.H. boat trailer still needs to get a light fixed on it. He also reported buying a tray brush to add to the D.A.S.H. He said the air regulator is still missing that ended up in Back Bay, and said that it may be more appropriate to have each diver provide their own regulator.

New Business: Ken reported that the contract for air testing has been let to the Scott Lawson Group again. He stated that we have a new contact person at the Scott Lawson Group, and that they would like a minimum of a week’s prior notice before performing the air quality test.

Marc Martin reported that Wolfeboro has hand-pulling of milfoil scheduled to begin in Back Bay on May 29th, so that they will need the D.A.S.H. by then. This led Kathy Barnard to state that the Wolfeboro Milfoil Committee is still waiting for its contract from Aqualogic.

Bill Marcussen stated they he had made contact with Cliff in Maine about doing some milfoil work for Tuftonboro. He said that Cliff did not slam the door on Tuftonboro’s request, but it would depend on his availability and that the costs

would be higher than Aqualogic. Bill summarized the issues with using Aqualogic as: (1) Scheduling, (2) Communications, and (3) Quality of Work.

Linda Murray stated that New Hampshire has a problem in that Aqualogic is one of a few qualified by the State to do milfoil removal work. She stated that we would be better off getting someone who is willing to remove the root balls, even if we have to pay more. Ken pointed out that Aqualogic has a terrible time hiring and retaining divers.

Bill Marcussen stated that we're a little niche market. The insurance requirements impose a burden on potential contractors, and the cost of insurance to them becomes prohibitive. He said that he has talked to Amy Smagula about this problem, and she is aware of it, but doesn't have any solutions.

Bill Marcussen reported that Tuftonboro will be doing a herbicide treatment in June in the Basin and at the Melvin Village Marina. Kathy Barnard reported that Wolfeboro will be doing its chemical treatment of Back Bay in September with a new treatment product, if it has been approved for use by then.

Bill Marcussen asked if it makes sense for us to try to meet with Amy Smagula to discuss the situation with Aqualogic. He stated that John's prices are consistently the lowest, but he is not a good businessman, as we contract for 3-person crews but only get 2-person crews, which is in violation of the contract. Linda Murray suggested that perhaps we could meet with her when she comes out here to do a survey. Bill opined that it's worth asking the questions because the problem will not solve itself. Ken stated that he would contact Amy Smagula via email to see if he can set up such a meeting.

Other Business: It was noted that this will be Dave Owen's last meeting with the group, as he retires at the end of the month. Linda Murray announced that there will be a reception for Dave Owen's retirement on May 30th at 4:00-6:00 PM in the Great Hall. She invited members of the Committee to attend this event.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for 9:00 AM on September 6, 2018 at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen,
Secretary

