

Milfoil Control Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2018  
Town Hall Annex Meeting Room

Members present: Susan Goodwin, Linda Murray, Tom Ouhrabka, John Russell, Becky Bartlett, Kathy Barnard

Susan Goodwin called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

The minutes of the July 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and all voted in favor of approving the minutes.

Discussion of the proposed 2019 Milfoil Control Committee budget.

The 2018 approved budget was \$34,650 with \$4,098 in "carried over" funds.

The committee members all agreed that funds to help control milfoil in Lake Wentworth need to be added to the Milfoil Control Committee's budget. Tom indicated that the anticipated cost for milfoil control in 2019 is \$10,444 and suggested that amount be included in the proposed budget.

The cost of the chemical treatment in Back Bay was more than the budgeted amount so that line item needs to be increased from the proposed \$20,500 in 2018 to \$24,927. The Lake Host needs to be increased to \$3,000. The payment to the milfoil joint committee and for Wolfeboro's portion of the operational expenses for the DASH unit can remain the same.

The proposed budget is as follows: \$25,000 – chemical treatment in Back Bay; \$10,400 for milfoil control in Lake Wentworth; Lake Host program - \$3,000; Milfoil Joint Board - \$750; Total - \$39,150. This total budget amount is similar to the \$34,650 budgeted amount plus the \$4,098 "carry over" funds. \$11,400 for hand pulling is also a top priority on the milfoil control wish list. A motion was made, seconded and all voted in favor of submitting a proposed budget of \$39,150.

The proposed budget needs to be submitted to the Town Manager by 9/1/18.

In December Linda and Kathy will talk to the Finance Director about carrying over unused funds from the 2018 milfoil control fund to the 2019 fund. This would then give the committee funding for some possible hand pulling. The committee considers this to be a top priority. A motion was made, seconded and all voted in favor of carrying over the funds so funds will be available for hand pulling of milfoil.

There was a discussion about the flow of water over the dam from Crescent Lake to Back Bay. The flow will need to be stopped for the chemical treatment. The chemical treatment is tentatively scheduled for 9/12/18.

A motion was made and seconded to add the closure of the dam issue to the Board of Selectmen agenda. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor of the motion. Linda will follow up on this issue.

The chemical treatment was discussed. The application is in progress. Solitude (the chemical treatment company) will be sending notices to the abutters. There was a question about when

people could go swimming after the treatment. Susan will follow up with Solitude to get that information. Signs will need to be posted around Back Bay prior to the treatment. Volunteers will be needed for this task. Volunteers will also be needed to remove the signs.

There was a discussion about posting signs on the bridge to discourage boat traffic during the treatment. Susan will follow up with Solitude to make determine the specific date of the treatment. This is difficult to plan because of weather conditions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Submitted by  
Kathy Barnard