

TUFTONBORO and WOLFEBORO
Joint Board Meeting for the
IMA on Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control
January 11, 2018
Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order: Chairman Ken Marschner convened the meeting at 9:00 AM at the Wolfeboro Town Annex conference meeting room.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed. It was noted by Ken Marschner that a correction is needed on page 2, where the cost of replacing hoses should be \$1,000, not \$2,000 as previously stated. **It was then moved by Steve Wingate, with Linda Murray seconding, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting as corrected. The motion was then approved unanimously.**

Financial Report: Dave Owen provided copies of a Report of Revenues and Expenses as of January 5, 2018, which reflected net funds available for expenditure of \$24,244.88. There were no questions or concerns about the financial report. It was accepted by consensus to be placed on record.

Old Business: 1. DASH Unit Update-Status

Ken Marschner reported that he and Marc Martin changed the pump oil and filter before the DASH was put away for the winter. He noted that Marc will work on replacing the carpeted bumper on the boat trailer. Ken reported that he had met with John Jude in December about the missing equipment from the DASH. John Jude gave us a boat cover, a pole clamp and a compass to replace those missing items. He also gave us \$60 to compensate for gasoline. However, he hasn't found a regulator to replace the one that was lost in the muck at the bottom of the lake, but he promises to replace it.

John Jude told Ken that the equipment that he uses in his commercial operations is smaller and more efficient than ours, so he doesn't need or want to use our equipment. He also stated that we shouldn't be using cam locks, as it creates a choke point. John Jude also gifted us with a section of hose worth about \$350, and an international diving flag worth about \$15-20. **It was moved by Steve Wingate, and seconded by Linda Murray, to accept these gifts with a value of about \$370 from John Jude. The motion was approved unanimously.** Ken noted that the hose needs to be inspected before spring and a regulator needs to be inspected and repaired before spring.

Ken then asked whether we should continue to be in the business of providing air regulators to contractors, or should divers bring their own air regulators to the job. He reported that John Jude said we do not have to provide them for contractors. Linda Murray stated that sounds reasonable to her. Ken noted that ours are getting old, and there is a potential liability issue. Ken said that he favors getting out of the air regulator business. Marc Martin concurred.

Ken noted that the Town staff had picked up the 2018 boat registration stickers for the DASH. He also provided the boat trailer license plate to Dave Owen for safe keeping, and noted that it will need to be renewed in 2020.

New Business: Ken reported that he had called Cliff to see if he might be interested in working with us again. He reported that Cliff is not interested because he never gets the low bid through Amy Smagula. Linda Murray noted that Cliff provides what he promises. Kathy Barnard reported that the Wolfeboro Milfoil Committee sent bid proposals to Cliff, but didn't hear back from him. She also sent a bid proposal to Aqua Logic and did receive a response. Ken noted that John Jude is concentrating on larger contracts in New York and elsewhere and doesn't want the smaller jobs. A.B. Aquatics submitted a bid also, but doesn't want to use our equipment. They submitted one bid price for using our equipment and another bid price without our equipment.

Relative to the possible chemical treatment of Back Bay again this year, Kathy Barnard reported that she is waiting for the recommendations of Amy Smagula, and then she will need to get her Committee together and make a decision. Ken noted that Procellacor is not registered by the EPA yet for use as a herbicide. There are no studies on it, but it might be possible to use it in a pilot study. If the use of Procellacor is not approved, then we would need to use 2-4 D again. Kathy said that she needs to get in touch with Amy Smagula.

Ken then brought up the idea of mothballing the DASH unit. Steve Wingate said that Tuftonboro has the same issue with contractors that don't want to use our equipment. Linda Murray stated that she is hesitant to mothball or get rid of the DASH, and suggested holding onto it until we see what happens. Ken stated that our equipment is not as effective and efficient as what the contractors are using today, and our equipment can't be used in some areas. Linda Murray stated that in a year or two we may want to consider getting rid of the boat. Steve Wingate noted that it doesn't cost us much to hang onto it. Ken provided some cost figures, stating that we have about \$11,138 of equipment added to our boat, making the total value of our boat and equipment, including the motor and trailer, to around \$25,000.

Relative to air testing, Ken reported that he called the Lawson Group and that they will get back to him with a price quote. He expects the cost to be about the same as last year.

Other Business: Ken noted that this is probably Dave Owen's last meeting with us, as he will be retiring soon. Dave stated that he has found it to be an interesting experiment and experience. Linda Murray stated that the Board of Selectmen will have to determine whether the new Town Manager gets involved with the Milfoil Joint Board. Ken noted his own plans to step down from the Milfoil Joint Board this spring, and suggested Bob Shilo as a possible replacement, especially as Mr. Shilo is now retired.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for 9:00 AM on May 3, 2018 at the Wolfeboro Town Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen,
Secretary

