

DRAFT MINUTES

Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

July 20, 2016 6:30 PM

New Durham Town Hall

Present: Art Hoover, Sue Hoover, Aline Goss, Cynthia and Fred Quimby, Bill Meyer, Tom Rogenski

1. Call to order: Fred Quimby convened the scheduled meeting at 6:30PM at the Town Hall. The minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Fred moved and Art seconded a motion to accept the minutes. The vote for approval was unanimous.
2. The minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Bill moved and Aline seconded a motion to accept the minutes. The vote for approval was unanimous.
3. Fred reported Amy Smagula (NHDES) will resurvey both Jones and Downing ponds the first week in August. She will issue a report on the infestation levels of aquatic invasive species in the ponds, and recommend a remediation plan. The cyanobacteria bloom in Downing Pond may prohibit her from evaluating Downing Pond. Fred has asked her to evaluate the green slime in Jones Pond.
4. Amy has two interns who will survey Club and Coldrain Ponds the last week in July.
5. Aline has completed the surveys of March and Chalk ponds. She reports that she did not find any invasive plant or animal species.
6. Fred gave a comprehensive report on Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds and Animals at the Merrymeeting Lake Association Annual Meeting on July 9th. The members were very interested and asked multiple questions during and after the presentation.
7. The NHDES weekly monitoring report on cyanobacteria in Downing Pond shows a continued increase in concentration. Sonya Carlson(NHDES) will continue to evaluate the water quality. The pond is posted, as no person or pets should swim in the pond. The continued increase in bacteria concentration indicates there probably is a source of phosphorus feeding the bacteria. Common sources are failed septic systems and runoff from lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus.
8. Bill moved and Sue seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Rogenski, Secretary