

Milfoil Control Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022 – Great Hall
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Members present: Susan Goodwin, Kathy Barnard, John Russell and Linda Murray and Brian Deshaies (**both** Board of Selectmen representatives)

Absent: Becky Bartlett, Marc Martin, Jim McDevitt, Tom Ouhrabka

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

The minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

The main reason for the meeting was to accept the grant from NH DES for milfoil control. The total grant award will be \$10,550. This will cover 50% of the cost, with the rest to be paid for by the Town. There were two contractors **chosen** for this project and they were from Aqualogic and a joint bid from Sarah MacNeilage Patey (Diver for Hire) and Jamie Burleigh (LTD Diving). **The contractor will be chosen based on the density & distribution of milfoil as determined by Amy.**

The bid from Aqualogic was \$21,000 based on 15 days of pulling milfoil **with a DASH** and an expected **down**-payment of \$1,400 by April 1, 2022.

The bid from Patey/Burleigh was for simple diving with hand harvesting to remove milfoil. The cost will be \$75/ hour for each diver. There will be 2 divers. An additional hour per diver is needed for proper decontamination of equipment.

There were several questions raised about the two bids. Susan will follow up on these questions. How much time will the two bidders spend in the water? Can they videotape the removal of the milfoil? A motion was made and seconded to ask the Board of Selectmen to accept this grant. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Vote 5 – 0.

Linda reported that the Town budget (including milfoil) will be considered by the Budget Committee this evening.

Susan asked about the **various funds** for removal of milfoil. There are 2 funds – a public and a private fund. Susan **asked about the \$565 donation that was received from Saw Mill Marina last January. We voted at our 1/29/2021 meeting to create a private Milfoil Eradication Fund for donations such as this and Linda was going to discuss this with the Finance Director. The \$17,000 from the dissolution of the Milfoil Joint Board is in the Milfoil Trust Fund.** Linda will follow up on this issue. There are 2 funds – a public and a private fund. **The \$17,000 from the dissolution of the Milfoil Joint Board is in the Milfoil Trust Fund.**

Susan **commented** that she has not received **d** any communication from the Town about how much has been spent from the milfoil line item since July.

A motion was made and seconded **to adjourn**. All present voted in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at **4:41 PM**.

Submitted by Kathy Barnard