



TOWN OF NORTON

Water Bodies

(Committee)

MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2012

Time: 7 pm

Location: Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting

Room

Members & Staff Present: Carol Zwicker, Dave Lennon, Joe McFarland, Colleen E. Ryan, Brian Brady, Marcia Anderson, Lee Parham

Guests, Nancy Beier, speaker, Bill Wilson, Don Desrosier

Members Not Present: Herb Ellison, Frank Hovey, Julian Kadish

The meeting was called to order at: 7pm

Minutes from the May 23, 2012, June 4, 2012 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with no adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

- Meeting called to order @ 7pm
- Minutes from May 23, 2012, June 4, 2012 read and accepted
- Chairperson, Dave introduced guests and speaker.
- Dave brought in some books for the Committee to use for information and handed each member a copy of Massachusetts Wildlife which contains information regarding evasive weeds, re: Dirty Dozen article.
- Dave said next meeting we will have a speaker, Tom Flannery from DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) Pond Management Committee. Meeting will start at 6pm to accommodate speaker.

Old Business

- Dave spoke to Conservation Committee and was told that they are open to putting up signs.
- Joe suggested at fishing and boat access that signs be consistent with State signs, will bring it up to Tom.
- suggested signage that reads "Stop Spread of Invasive Weeds" as well hours of use, no ground feeding of migratory birds, i.e. Do not feed.
- Restrictions be placed on personal watercraft pertaining to speed, engine size restrictions per State Boating Regulations.
- Discussion of becoming a member of Mass CoLaP (Massachusetts Collation of Lakes and Ponds) was discussed.
- Marcia made a Motion that Norton Conservation pay for a membership to Mass CoLaP if Norton is not already a member. 2nd by Carol Zwicker, Vote was Unanimous.
- Dave will ask Conservation if Town is Member.

- Dave introduced Speaker, Nancy Beier who spoke about Lake Winnecunnet. She will help find out how to apply for Clean Lake Grant. Nancy advised that whatever needs to be done needs the Conservation Commission support.

Nancy discussed Lake Winnecunnet's efforts to reduce weeds and failure of the harvesting machine to be able to do the job because it just cut down the weeds which then reproduced. The Committee used a landscaper to remove debris that was removed. Discussed was the run-off from an organic cranberry bog which could encourage weed growth. Winnecunnet is approximately 148 acres, and has a river food. Project was stalled due to funding issues.

-methods were discussed like booning off specific areas, using a landscaper who might pay for the drudged material, manually pulling weeds if permitted.

The treatment of Lake Pearl was brought up, Dave asked Lee if he could , need to check for information. to see if what was done at Lake Pearl might be compatible to Winnecunnet, and find out what it cost. Mentioned also was lake Cochituate had something done

_ Questions arose that Dave needs to check on

- If we are a member of CoLaP
- Can other invasive species be pulled other than water chestnuts
- Is the study that was down on Winnecunnett about invasive plants still a valid study for presentation, especially relating to finance committee rejecting the money.
- Would Conservation approve of a chemical treatment for Winnecunnet if funds were available via a grant or town funds.
- Can we add new members to our Committee as the guests would like to join.
- Lee asked if we could go out on the lakes to see what we have.
- Dave to ask if we can be given a file cabinet to store materials

Joe has suggested that we post a 'blurb' about what the Water Bodies does.

Dave told the committee that the water chestnut pull was scheduled for Saturday, 9am to noon.

Agenda for next meeting to include discussing:

- Public /awareness
- Press release for Water Bodies Committee
- 10 tips to preserve the lakes (limit fertilizers, no mower discharge in lakes, no discarding fall leaves, no fluids in storm drains
- Possible flyers to advertise
- Contacts: Environmental Police, State EPA etc.

Meeting opened to membership input. None.

Marcia made Motion to adjourn

Brian 2nd Motion

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- **Massachusetts Wildlife, No.3, 2004**
- **Eutrophication and Aquatics Plant Management in MA**
- **The Practical Guide to Lake Management in MA**
- **Milfoil (an aggressive water weed), Washington State Dept. of Ecology, US Army Corps**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm _____ until the next meeting on Monday, __ July 16 _____ at 6pm _____ at the __ Town Hall Meeting Room _____.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Zwicker

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____