



TOWN OF NORTON

Water Bodies Committee (Committee)

MINUTES

Date: May 6, 2013

Time: 7 pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting room, Town Hall

Members & Staff Present: Brian Brady, Dave Lennon, Carol Zwicker, Colleen Ryan, Herb Ellison, Joe McFarland, guest Bob Kimball, Selectmen

Members Not Present: Frank Hovey, Lee Parham, Member from Conservation Commission

The meeting was called to order at: 7pm

Minutes from the April 1, 2013 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with no adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Motion to accept Minutes from April 1, 2013 made by Brian Brady, motion was seconded by Colleen Ryan. Minutes accepted as read.

Dave brought copy of **Conway Daily Sun**, dated Friday April 19, 2013 which had an article with the heading **Invasive plants and insects threaten Maine** for the committee to see.

Colleen had an article printed in both the **Norton Mirror** and the **Patch**.

Joe McFarland reported the Boy Scouts were at Lake Winnecunnet, found it to be State owned. They also went to the boat ramp on Snake River. Scouts tried calling someone to check to see if it could be used but has had no response

Guest Bob Kimball reported we couldn't make Spring Town Meeting Agenda but has hopes of making the Agenda for the Fall Meeting.

Clarified – RFQ –just a bid

RFQ- narrows down to qualify. Need study and findings to submit to FinCom. Bob says to research what will kill which weeds around the edge. Need to give 'ballpark' figures. If RFQ comes back we will have actual costs to submit. He said we need to go before the Selectmen with a presentation to include a master plan, 5 year plan and to show monitoring. He suggested we get sampling form all the water bodies. Estimated costs will be over a million dollars. Brian brought up about Andover Con Com study. Herb questioned costs for permits being so expensive. A discussion continued about methods of chemical control and draw down. Bob said we need to get vocal, get media attention. Go to Town Meeting and talk to people. Dave volunteered to speak to Jason at Norton TV for coverage. Brain said we have to treat early May before weeds start growing to work. Bob suggested we shoot for October Meeting to discuss.

He advised the WBC to send a formal letter with specific questions to Conservation Commission and if we get no response, we should bring it to Selectmen's attention.

Bob suggested we draft a letter to Chairman Dave Henry on Conservation Commission.

Discussion continued about whether dams themselves were in condition to handle draw down, Reservoir dam is higher than it is supposed to be, but if shortened can cause problems. All dams can be opened but Barrowsville is privately owned and could be a problem. Old dam behind the Eureka building can be removed. Bob said Selectmen need to know costs associated with permits. Suggested we go to Meeting.

Colleen and Carol will hand out flyers at Town Meeting, Colleen will make up wording and Carol will make copies. But need to talk to Moderator for permission.

Dave suggested we set up a table at the Town picnic which is June 22 with a rain date of June 29. He will call to arrange.

Brian will bring a presentation to Selectmen's Meeting May 23, 2013.

Next Meeting date will be June 3.

Brian made motion to adjourn, Colleen seconded motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- The Conway Daily Sun

Meeting was adjourned at __8pm__ until the next meeting on Monday, __June 3, 2013__ at __7pm__ at the 1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall_____.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____
(Date)

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)