DUNBARTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012**

**TOWN OFFICES – 7:00 P.M.**

**The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen held their regularly scheduled meeting at the above time, date and place with Les Hammond, Chairman, presiding.**

**The following were present:**

**Les Hammond, Chairman**

**Ted Vallieres, Selectman**

**Ron Wanner, Selectman**

**Line Comeau, Town Administrator**

**Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary**

**Members of Boards/Committees and Town Officials:**

**Lou DeBerio, Milfoil Committee**

**Members of the Public:**

**None**

**Les Hammond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a full Board of Selectmen present along with Line Comeau, Town Administrator, and Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary.**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS APPROVAL (Thursday, September 6, 2012)**

**MOTION:**

**Ted Vallieres made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of Thursday, September 6, 2012 as written. Ron Wanner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**DEPARTMENTS:**

**Milfoil Billing:**

**Line Comeau, Town Administrator, stated she had received a response from Amy Smagula, DES, regarding the additional billing for $1,200. (attached)**

**Les Hammond noted that this still did not answer the question regarding why the extra $1,200 fee for testing and who authorized it, etc. Lou DeBerio stated he did not authorize this.**

**Ted Vallieres noted that in the beginning he was adamant that there not be any additional charges over and above the contract. For some reason, the contract was never modified to reflect this fact.**

**LOU DEBERIO - UPDATE ON MILFOIL:**

**Lou DeBerio appeared before the Board of Selectmen to give them an update on the Milfoil Treatment as follows:**

**1. Stated that the Department of Agriculture administers the permit for Milfoil Treatment.**

**2. Amy Smagula takes care of the funding portion. She also took samples from the lake before and after the treatment to make sure the chemicals did not get into the water system, etc. There were ten items they had to do.**

**Selectmen asked what was the reason for the additional testing. The Selectmen are at a point where we are deciding on whether we want to pay the bill, etc.**

**Ted Vallieres stated that if we had gone with the granular (which was more expensive) application instead of the liquid, what would have happened if we were given a $1,200 bill. We would not have the money within the Warrant Article to pay it. Don't feel we should be held hostage to whatever the extra cost for samples but we are stuck paying it. We should be paying no more than what the contract says. If we ever sign another one of these contracts, we will make sure there are no extra charges. Have learned my lesson on this one.**

**After discussion, the Board of Selectmen reached a consensus that the bill for the Milfoil Treatment which includes an extra $1,200 be paid.**

**3. Noted that the Milfoil Committee only has had two or three members show up for meetings i.e. Nancy Lang and Jim Stone along with himself (Lou DeBerio).**

**4. Are planning on discontinuing the Milfoil Committee meeting after September.**

**5. Amy Smagula trained a lot of people at the pond and they are all volunteers. They look for new growth of Milfoil and mark if they find any. We call DES to see if it is growing back.**

**6. Stated they need additional volunteers to look at the lake. Had a training session and were shown different types of weeds, etc. along with pictures.**

**7. Have volunteers checking the boats before launching into the lake. They work 9 am - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sundays. They inspect the boat along with the owner. Anything green is pulled off.**

**8. The lake is clear now. Can actually see the bottom. The Milfoil has been killed. The vegetation dies and falls to the bottom.**

**9. The $300 fee for training this year was waived. If we join the Lake Association next year, there is the possibility of having paid people . The hourly wage would be between $5.75-$10.00/hour.**

**At this point in the discussion, Les Hammond, Chairman, stated he had a problem with paying people to inspect the boats, etc. We have a Volunteer Fire Department and they do not get paid. They are saving lives. Feels the inspectors for Milfoil should not be getting paid if the Volunteer Fire Department members do not get paid.**

**10. Stated that a second treatment is not needed this year. Looking at the possibility of using the money we did not spend this year for next year.**

**Selectmen noted that this is not possible. The money lapses from year to year. In order to treat Milfoil next year, there would have to be another Warrant Article.**

**11. Noted that other ponds within Dunbarton which have Milfoil should be treated such as Kimball Pond, etc. These ponds should be included in the Milfoil Treatment for next year if it is determined they have Milfoil. Also concerned about the Fire Department Fire Pond behind the Fire Station because this has Milfoil.**

**12. Next year, there is the possibility of having to hire divers to pull out milfoil roots, etc. from the bottom on the pond.**

**13. Noted that 90% of Milfoil infestation comes from boats and the remaining 10% from birds and animals.**

**14. Have approached the Dunbarton Elementary School about getting students involved in the Milfoil treatment. There is a retired teacher who has said she would be willing to take the students on a field trip and learn about Milfoil.**

**15. Noted that Line Comeau and Jacques Belanger have volunteered to do monitoring, etc.**

**Lou DeBerio was advised that the Board of Selectmen need to know what the budget needs are for the upcoming 2013 year early on in the year (December/January).**

**16. Selectmen suggested they consider closing down the Boat Launching area in the fall because of no volunteers, etc. It was noted that this would have to be worked out with Fish and Game Department.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Lighting Project - Fire/Police Department:**

**Ted Vallieres reported that the Lighting project for the Fire/Police Department has been completed.**

**John Stevens has checked on the invoice the town received, and there will be a revised one coming which does not show the cost of the lift, etc.**

**Reconciliations:**

**Noted that the Reconciliation for the month of August 2012 is complete and agrees with the Town Treasurer's.**

**Carpet Installation - Friday, Saturday and Sunday - September 14, 15 and 16:**

**Ted Vallieres brought up the subject of closing the Town Office on Friday, September 14 because of the carpet installation.**

**The Selectmen reached a consensus that the Town Office should be closed on Friday, September 14, 2012 in order to get the carpets installed.**

**Les Hammond, Chairman, stated he was looking for someone to be present and/or available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the event the carpet installers had any problems or questions. Ted**

**Vallieres will be there all day off and on Friday. Line Comeau will also be there on Friday. On Saturday, Ted will be manning the Historical Society Booth on the Town Common. Ted Vallieres will be available off and on Sunday. There were no other volunteers from the Board of Selectmen.**

**Crawl Space under Town Offices:**

**Les Hammond asked what the situation was with regard to insulating the floor in the crawl space under the Town Offices.**

**Ted Vallieres noted that John Stevens was looking into this.**

**Ted Vallieres also reported that the foundation wall under the Town Offices had been insulated.**

**Auditor's Final Report:**

**Line Comeau, Town Administrator, reported that the Auditor's were scheduled to attend the Selectmen's Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012 to present their final report.**

**Marque Sign:**

**Ted Vallieres reported that the Marque Sign on the Town Common needs more letters and numbers.**

**Line Comeau, Town Administrator, was instructed to investigate purchasing more numbers.**

**Montalona Road:**

**Les Hammond, Chairman, reported that Montalona Road/Robert Rogers Road looks good. Are working closely with the landowner.**

**There being no further business, the following motion was made:**

**MOTION:**

**Ron Wanner made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alison R. Vallieres**

**Recording Secretary**

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**Les Hammond, Chairman**

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**Ron Wanner, Selectman**

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**Ted Vallieres, Selectman**