

FIRST DRAFT

**Eurasian Milfoil Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2013**

PRESENT: Members – O. Ross McIntyre, Charlie Muntz, Faith Pushee and Richard Vidal

PUBLIC: Blake Allison and Dina Cutting

Dina called the first meeting of the newly created Eurasian Milfoil Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. She noted that several committee appointees were unable to attend this night but had committed to serving. She passed out some documents and shared some general information before departing.

Blake took the floor and spent several minutes offering the new members a timeline regarding Post Pond's Eurasian Milfoil infestation from the point of its discovery in August 2010 to tonight's meeting. Since 2010, he has been working with NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Exotic Species Program Coordinator Amy Smagula on the state and town's response to the infestation.

Charlie offered information about the NH Lake Host Program based on his experience with it through another lake site. The Lake Host Program supplies technical and organizational support for communities seeking to set up monitoring for their lakes. In addition, Charlie said, there is a limited amount of funding to help subsidize lake monitors, but most of the coverage would have to be volunteer-based. It was observed that a volunteer component might be hard to assemble given the amount of coverage that would be needed. **Ross** wondered whether the Lake Host Program, as described, might be beyond Lyme's resources. It was agreed more study would be needed.

On a related matter, **Richard** presented his idea for creating a washing station at the boat ramp. Several people observed that keeping the wastewater generated by it might prove problematic regarding keeping milfoil and other plants out of the pond.

Following there was discussion about how the committee might proceed. It was agreed this should wait until more committee members could be present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. A time was not set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Allison, Secretary pro tem