

**TUFTONBORO and WOLFEBORO**  
**Joint Board Meeting for the**  
**IMA on Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control**  
**June 5, 2018; 5:15 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro), Becky Merrow (Wolfeboro-Town Manager), Linda Murray (Wolfeboro), Kathy Barnard (Wolfeboro), Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro) and Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro-Alternate). Others present were Amy Smagula of DES.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Ken Marschner convened the meeting at 5:18 PM at the Wolfeboro Town Annex conference meeting room.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **It was then moved by Bill Marcussen, with Linda Murray seconding, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting. The motion was then approved unanimously.**

**Financial Report:** \$82.62 request for reimbursement had been processed. This will be looked into.

**Old Business:** The low bidder for removal of invasive species (Milfoil) is Aqualogic. In 2017, the quality of the work from Aqualogic was poor. It appears it is questionable whether their divers are pulling the root ball. The contract calls for 3 divers allowing divers a chance to rest. Aqualogic shows up to work with 2 divers. The divers do not have the conditioning to work an 8 hour day.

Contractor scheduling is also problematic. Bill questioned if the bid is adequate? Is Aqualogic the lowest “responsible” bidder? The Board emphasized the need for quality work. Moultonboro is harvesting large amounts of plants. DES is still training divers.

If the Board cannot find qualified contractors to pull plants, the Town may have to resort to herbicides. The Board agreed that they would rather skip a year than work with Aqualogic this year.

The representative from DES Amy Smagula, said that 220 people went through the DES diver training last year. If we could hire one of the divers, would Primex cover the cost of insurance as a temporary seasonal employee? This would be similar to a lifeguard. Becky Merrow did not immediately know but said she would look into this. Currently the rate of pay works out to \$35 per hour under Aqualogic contract.

The Board asked what to do if Aqualogic continues to show up with 2 divers and 3 divers is required in the contract? This would be a breach of contract. The Board could negotiate price or require more days of work based on Aqualogic

Breach of contract. The Town of Wolfeboro current contract had a paragraph “red-lined” for removal. It was sent to Aqualogic but no signed contract has been returned by them. It was the consensus then that there is no existing contract with Aqualogic.

Another approach would be to contact the Lake Wentworth watershed Association to see if they would be willing to help Wolfeboro out for a donation to the Lake Wentworth friends.

**New Business:** None.

**Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** September 6, 9:00 AM Tuftonboro.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Linda Murray and seconded by Steve Wingate to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Merrow,  
Wolfeboro Town Manager