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Selectmen in attendance: Christine Torno, Royce Heath and Paul Nadeau

3:00 – Open Meeting

- Dennis Gerry came in to pay taxes. A Quitclaim Deed will be written and sent to the Registry.

3:10 pm

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) to discuss confidential records; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.

3:18 pm

- The Selectmen exited Executive Session.
- Chairperson Torno made a motion to split the firewood at the town salt shed between two families; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.
- The Selectmen signed a request to combine lots for tax purposes.
- The Selectmen were given a price for water testing from Stone Hill; they are waiting for a price from Katahdin.

3:25 pm

John McPhedran

- Updated the board on the NAIAD issue in Northeast Pond.
- They talked about mapping out the lake at the spots where the plant grows. The DEP is working with Berwick and Somersworth for consent in using the herbicide. They have manually removed as much as they could.
- They discussed contracts for divers to suction up the plant. The contractor started in early August and worked for 6 weeks instead of the original 4 weeks. The cost is upwards of \$31,000.00.
- Dennis Roberge has put in about 40 hours of snorkeling and diving to remove the plant.
- Norm Turgeon surveyed parts of Northeast Pond and the river along Micah Terrace. Dennis did Pickerel Cove, Pleasant Point, and the dam up to Ray's Marina. Paul Nadeau asked if it grows close to shore, or further out. He was told that it grows in shallow and also in up to 7' of water.
- The Plant removal is measured by filling fish totes which are 20 gallons each. In the first week they took out 900 gallons, last week they took out 5,000 gallons.
- The places it was removed, look great, but the places it wasn't removed is very dense.
- After 6 weeks of work, John said there is still a huge area that manual removal of the plant would not solve the problem. He thinks herbicides would be the best solution. Herbicide use is only recommended after realizing the danger of the plant infestation. John said he would be happy to discuss the risks of the herbicide and the plant to educate the public.
- Chairperson Torno asked about the history of the herbicide use. John said there is a write up on the impact to fish, etc.
- They would like to put this on the ballot. Chairperson Torno suggested that if this went on the warrant in May, the TPPA, Town of Lebanon and John McPhedran would need to put together something that would explain this and a good place to have an information sheet would be at the November election.
- John praised Mi Te Jo campground for letting the contractors use their area as a base for their suction operation.
- Norm Turgeon said it was possible that the TPPA could fund without asking the towns for any money, whether it was for herbicides, or diving.

Mary Lane

- Made a comment that the Town didn't get back to the DEP after the original presentation, and other towns responded in a timely manner. She then asked if it was out of the question to have it on the ballot in November, which she was answered by the board that it is out of the question. Finally, she asked if there were to be a special town meeting on the issue, could the DEP pay for the cost of the special town meeting.

Dana Coull

- Said he thinks it's important to talk to the attorney about the No Spray Ordinance and whether or not they interpret it in favor of herbicides.

5:00 pm

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Selectman Nadeau.

5:40 pm

- The Selectmen exited Executive Session.
- The Selectmen made the decision to make Dale Fisk the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

7:50 pm

- Meeting adjourned.