

**Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee  
Meeting of 10 February 2014, LOB 305, 9:00 AM  
Minutes of Proceedings**

Members present: Representatives Ben Lefebvre (Chair), David Kidder (Vice Chair), Dennis Malloy, Harry Merrow, Rose Marie Rogers; Public Members Andrea LaMoreaux, Bob Reynolds (Clerk), Robert Wood

NHDES Representative: Amy Smagula

Members Absent: Sen. Bob Odell

Guests present: Joel Anderson (House Committee Research Staff), Dennis Martino (NH Bureau of Education and Training), Tom O'Brien (NH Lakes Assoc.)

Rep. Lefebvre called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Rep. Rogers moved to approve the minutes, as revised, from the January 13, 2014 meeting. Rep. Malloy seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

Rep. Lefebvre introduced Mr. Martino, who facilitated a strategic planning session with the Committee members during the next 2 hours. He covered topics including:

- Developing a mission statement for the EAWSC
- Setting goals for the Committee.

His initial report is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Several members reiterated their willingness to donate funds to pay for the strategic planning facilitator. Rep. Lefebvre will consult with House Counsel on procedures to enable receiving donations and using the funds to pay the facilitator's fee. Rep. Lefebvre will also contact Meredith Bank to determine if the Committee's bank account is still active and useable.

Ms. Smagula discussed her recent meeting with the NH Fish & Game Department's Environmental Review Team and their responsibility to manage invasive aquatic non-plant species (e.g., Asian clams, Zebra mussels). Other than reaching an understanding of the need to develop a joint DES-F&G interagency statement outlining what actions would be taken in response to infestations of specific species, F&G was not willing to

take responsibility for invasive aquatic animal species and developing specific management plans at this time. The need for further discussions, collaboration, and engagement was confirmed.

Topics for the next meeting will include:

- Discussion and recommendations on initial report from strategic planning session
- A presentation on educational planning by Ms. LaMoreaux
- Status update on SB 266 regarding appointment of new members to the EAWSC (Rep. Lefebvre)
- Status update on HB 292 (Rep. Merrow, Mr. Anderson)
- NH DES Exotic Species Program financial and activity reports (Ms. Smagula)
- Status update on a EAWSC presentation at the NH Lakes Association's Lake Congress in June 2014 (Mr. O'Brien).

Future meeting dates:

March 17

April 21

Rep. Merrow moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 AM. Mr. Wood seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Reynolds, Clerk

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### 487:30 Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee

The purpose and mission of the committee is to: (a) Study the spread of exotic aquatic organisms in the waters of New Hampshire including education, management, and potential means to eliminate the spread of these species; and (b) Aid the key State Agencies and other appropriate stakeholders in the prevention, early detection, mitigation and eradication of exotic aquatic organisms, and (c) Provide reports and recommendations for proposed legislation each year.

#### Direction and Goals

In order to create broader awareness and understanding by all stakeholders we will create a list of definitions that will provide a common language for referring to the various species, mitigation methods and techniques and any other related terminology.

We will be successful by engaging with stakeholder groups as much as is practicable through education programs, conferences and in-service trainings.

