

Date: June 30, 2013  
To: Freedom Board of Selectmen  
From: Jim McElroy and R.A. Oram, Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (FAISC)  
Subject: Status Report

The following tasks have been worked on:

1. J. McElroy conducted a milfoil survey (Middle & Upper Danforth) with Bob Patterson, President of AB Aquatics on 6/9/13:
  - a. This is the firm that will conduct DASH/hand pulling for this year.
  - b. Agreed to start date of work of 6/25/13.
  - c. Bob requested that we mark milfoil plant locations to increase their efficiency.
  - d. R.A. Oram made up about 30 floatable markers to be used for this purpose.
  - e. Markers were deployed on 6/24/13, 6/28/13, and 6/30/13 (see photo's).
2. J. McElroy met with Danforth Bay Camping Resort (Craig Niiler) to review milfoil plans for 2013. We continue to enjoy their support for this work.
3. Status on the Lake Host program in Freedom:
  - a. Provides funding for boat inspections and boater education for milfoil and other invasive species.
  - b. Boat inspection site: Ossipee Lake Marina.
  - c. Recommended hiring of Ryan Burroughs (by NH Lakes Association). He is a college student at St. Josephs College in Standish, ME and lives in Center Conway, NH.
  - d. Training completed by Ryan and his father (who can now also conduct inspections as a volunteer). So we now have 3 trained volunteers and 1 trained paid Lake Host for the marina.
  - e. Program started on 6/15/13.
  - f. Due to limited grant size, we are only covering weekends and holidays.
  - g. Lake Host grant requires matching volunteer time as award condition. This will be provided by J. McElroy and R.A. Oram.



Milfoil Marker Placement at Danforth Bay Camping Resort on 6/24/13 (one of 22 placed)



Preparing Milfoil Markers (one of 16 placed) and Preparing to Launch on Huckins Pond on 6/30/13

Photos by R.A. Oram