TOWN OF FRANKLIN
WEED HARVESTER POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of a weed harvester policy is to define the scope of procedures for maintenance and operation of the machine. The primary objective is to maintain a schedule to achieve the task and the tranquility of the lake community. To keep the weeds cut along the shoreline for recreational use of the lake.

Storage:

The storage of the harvester, trailer and tractor must not block the public access points that must remain available for the residents of the area to use the launches for boating access. The equipment must not be left running while sitting idle at the launches. Town use of these launches is based on permission of the land owners and should not be abused.

Maintenance:

The Town maintains the primary function of annual maintenance of the harvester. The operator will be responsible for greasing, oil and fluid levels as necessary for daily operations. The cutter bar must be monitored for proper operation; if there are concerns you must contact the Highway Dept. If there are maintenance issues or supply/repair purchases that are necessary you must contact Jeremy or Sam in advance. Necessary supplies may be obtained from the highway garage; oil, hydraulic fluid, diesel, etc. during regular hours. If there are emergency needs on the weekend you should contact the selectboard or highway foreman.

- Jeremy Barnum-highway foreman 285-2180 or 802-324-2580
- Sam Gervais – selectboard member 285-2159 or 802-752-5271

Operation:

There are set and approved areas of harvesting by the State of VT DEC on a harvesting permit that must be followed and are labeled by area. The permit allows for harvesting from June 1st to October 1st of each year. These areas are to be recorded with loads/yards removed on your time sheets. Only Eurasian Milfoil must be harvested to the best of your ability.

- Hours of operation: Harvesting must only take place within the set schedule for the tranquility and safety of the lake community. A schedule should be communicated and set among operators to make efficient use of hours and coverage for available hours during vacations, etc. The town should have an operator schedule at the beginning of each month. The highway department must be informed of a schedule change in advance.

  - Monday thru Friday - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
  - Saturday – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - Sunday – no operation to take place

Time sheets:

Time sheets must be kept for all hours of operation and maintenance. Areas of harvesting and yards removed must be logged daily as well. Time sheets should be submitted by the 1st of each month of harvesting for payment.

Adopted by the Selectboard on October 13, 2021.

_____ Dave Bennion _____ Ethan Dezotelle

_____Brooks Sturtevant _____ Sam Gervais

_____Andrew Godin