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Village of Tuxedo Park
% Elizabeth A. Doherty
80 Lorillard Rd
Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

Subject: RFP Response Diver Harvesting Services for Tuxedo Lake, Wee Wah Lake,

and Pond 3

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our services to the Village and its residents. We specialize in Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting which utilizes divers hand pulling aquatic plants from the root and sending them up suction hoses to a boat at the surface where the material is collected. Our set up typically consists of a 4 person crew, 2 divers and 2 crew members topside managing the pumps and changing the bags. All four members are divers and will switch out roles during the day. Each diver has a dedicated pump/suction hose which carries the material up to the deck where it collects in mesh bags. The water falls through the bags and subsequently through a metal grate in the deck of the boat, and returns back to the lake. After the bags of plant material are filled they are brought to shore where we will need a place for disposal. The material is dumped from the bags which are then reused. Suction Harvesting is billed for a 7 hour work day which begins from the time the crews arrive at the lake to the time they are done dumping bags at the end of each day.

We understand the three tasks requested to be; a one day harvesting effort in May for the removal of Milfoil in Tuxedo Lake, a 5 day effort to remove Milfoil in Wee Wah and Pond 3, and a final summary letter detailing the work as requested in the RFP.

Task	Price Per Task
Task 1: May Harvesting (1 Day)	\$4,000.00
Task 2: June/July Harvesting (5 Days)	\$16,000.00
Task 3: Summary Letter	\$550.00

The daily rate for additional days is **\$3,200.00** per day.

Qualifications:

New England Aquatic Services LLC has been in business providing Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting services since March of 2012. We have performed these efforts for private homeowners, Lake Associations, Towns, The Army Corp of Engineers, and for Tuxedo Park in Wee Wah for 2 seasons. We currently operate 3 Suction Harvesting boats which include crew members with multiple years of experience providing DASH services and working specifically with the removal of Milfoil. While changes may occur due to scheduling the crew I would initially assign to this project will include Dylan Alvarez as Project Manager who has been a DASH diver since 2021, Kyle Vincent who has been a DASH diver since 2020, Rick Langford who has been a DASH diver since 2014, and Matthew Grillo who has been a DASH Diver since 2023.

References:

Town of Monterey

Lake Garfield

Monterey, MA

Milfoil removal project since 2017

Annual Budget of Approximately \$50,000.00

Mike Germain

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Town of Ellington

Crystal Lake

Ellington CT

Milfoil removal project since 2012

Annual Budget \$25,000-\$40,000

Dave Arzt

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Town of Barnstable

Wequaquet Lake/Bearse Pond

Barnstable, MA

Fanwort Removal Project since 2016

Annual Budget \$94,000.00

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Thank you again for the opportunity to offer my company's services. Feel free to contact me directly at 203-885-2318, or by email at Matthew@NewEnglandAquatic.com.

Sincerely,

Matthew Vogt

Owner/President