

Town of Proctor
Beaver Pond Committee Special Meeting
June 27, 2018
6:00 PM

Those in attendance: Ray Beyette, Greg Gallus, Laura Marsh, and Bill Sheidow
Others present: Corey Hart, VT Fish & Wildlife, Bruce Baccei, Select board Chair and Judy Frazier, Select board liaison.

Chair, Ray Beyette called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Laura moved to approve the agenda, Judy seconded it, motion passed.

Corey Hart explained the fishing derby options with support from the VT Fish & Wildlife. He shared the "Let's Go Fishing" program and all that it offers. There are different types of programs and we explained our derby would be for children twelve and under. The State would stock the pond before the derby and we could offer a shortened version of the clinic to assist children in fishing techniques, baiting hooks, tying flies and what types of fish there are and which are okay to catch and keep.

The Committee thought we could hold the clinic in the park and perhaps a portion indoors at town hall, then move to the pond for fishing. The clinic would not be mandatory. The State would provide tackle and poles for the children to use as well. Ray will be the certified instructor and in charge of the other members assisting the fishing derby contestants.

We asked the status of the stocking and Corey explained that we are probably on a waiting list as there is a shortage of fish because of Storm Irene and the rebuilding of the hatcheries. Once you are given fish for stocking it is easier to get them year after year. He said it could be two years before we are granted the application for having the pond stocked.

The Committee discussed if we should hold off on the derby or still hold it with the hopes there are enough fish in the pond to make it fun and successful for the children. Corey was going to get back to Judy with contacts for the fish and the derby options.

Next clean up day for the pond is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at 9am. People were to bring weed whackers to trim as much of the grass area as possible.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Laura seconded it, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Frazier

