

Proctor Beaver Pond Committee  
Regular Meeting  
March 21, 2023 – 6:00PM  
Draft Minutes

Location: Proctor Town Office Meeting Room

Attending: Dale Christie(chairman), Jim Moore, Ray Beyette, Tom Hogan, Pauline Hogan, Kim Metcalfe

Called to order at 6:05pm

Approved meeting agenda. Pauline made motion, Jim 2nd

Reviewed 10/18/22 meeting minutes. Approve them unanimously. Jim made motion, Tom 2nd

Chairman's report:

2022 was a really good experience fro all at the pond. Many great kudos. December had a small workday to consolidate brush piles. The town took it all away. Pond area looks open and clean. Kyle (town foreman) cut down fallen trees and hauled them away.

-discussion: about beavers at the pond and whether they would stick around after the hardwoods are gone. Discussed the dock and how it weathered the winter after being left out for the first time. It looks good still.

Seasonal Opening:

Gate will be opened on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Kyle may be able to setup the grills soon after. Tables can be put back in place. A small cleanup will be done and a more extensive one sometime in May. A 2<sup>nd</sup> table may be put in the swimming area.

Mortimer Proctor Application:

Dale opened a discussion on ideas to apply for grant money to purchase things for the pond recreation use. Possible idea is a pavilion of some kind where the old valve house was near the dam. There is a foundation that can be used.

Maintenance and improvements:

Jim said the ice fishing has been popular, but hasn't really heard what most of the caught fish have been. Jim suggested that we ask the selectboard to exempt the 35 acres that came with the pond from OMYA from the town logging. Tom suggested writing a letter to them. A motion was made by Jim (2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom) to have Dale draft a letter making the request to the Selectboard.

#### Trails:

Dale handed out a draft of the new trail map to members. He is looking for suggestions on his improvements or any other feedback. A reroute of the Marble Trail is planned for the Spring and should bypass a steep section. It will use mostly existing trail and shouldn't be difficult. 2 new signs were put up during the winter on trails. Eventually trail junction signs will be added.

#### Rules and ordinances:

Discussion about possible change in ordinance about closing date. Decided to wait and see how this year goes.

#### Other old/new business:

Dale spoke to Matt from the state fish and wildlife about stocking the pond for a children's event. Dale will call Matt back and ask if we can get the fish without a committed event. Ray suggested trying to have an event at least once a year. Topic to consider for next meeting is whether or not to setup a "friends of" organization for the pond, per Jim Moore's suggestion. It might allow donations to be made tax free, and offer more future protection for the pond.

Next meeting: 2023-04-18

Motion to adjourn made by Dale and Pauline 2nd. Meeting ended at 7:22pm.