

Proctor Beaver Pond Committee
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2023 – 6:00PM
Draft Minutes

Location: Proctor Town Office Meeting Room

Attending: Dale Christie(chairman), Kim Metcalfe, Tom Hogan, Pauline Hogan, Judy Frazier

Called to order at 6:04pm

Reviewed 06/20/23 meeting minutes. Tom made motion, Pauline 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Approved meeting agenda. Tom made motion, Dale 2nd

Chairman's report:

Dale recognized and praised Carrie Covey for managing the Beaver Pond Facebook page from unwanted solicitors and inappropriate behavior.

Also praise and thanks to Jim Moore for watching over the dam. The beavers may be gone, or active elsewhere. Haven't been seen since the big flood earlier. There are less hard woods to interest them.

The gate at the picnic area hasn't been closed. Jim Moore was doing it, but people have been there late and he goes to bed early. There has been some issues with homeless sleeping there in their cars. Dale will look into the situation and discuss further with Jim.

Milfoil Removal:

Milfoil has been minimally impactful this year. Beavers were pulling it up, but now there may be no beavers. Dale & Jim chose to pull it up and see how well it comes back next year. If the test is successful, we could do a section each year.

Otter Creek Watershed Grant:

According to Mary Beth Poli of Otter Creek Engineering, there was likely a 2nd round of funding for this grant in the fall/winter. Dale has tried to contact her about this, but haven't received a response yet. Further effort will be made.

Maintenance and Improvements:

Looking into what is still needed to build the pavilion or structure near the dam. Judy suggested that any building should be discussed with the Selectboard. Dale will also reach out to Anthony to discuss any zoning issues. Dale to try to attend next Selectboard meeting.

Trails:

Dale put up another sign at the intersection of Marble and Valley trails. Maps seem to be disappearing and they are not showing as litter in the area. There are trail repairs and improvements ongoing.

Rules & Ordinance:

Nothing

Other Old and/or New Business:

Some effort is being made to rebuild the flower bed by Proctor Coal. We could consider donating a bench for the walkers to sit on. The town will look into repairing a part of road to the picnic area. Judy will work with the road crew to get that done. The apron needs work and there is at least one big pothole.

Kim moved to adjourn the meeting. Pauline 2nd. Motion carried.

Next meeting: 2023-10-17