

Proctor Beaver Pond Committee  
Regular Meeting  
April 16, 2024 – 6:00PM  
Draft Minutes

Location: Proctor Town Office Meeting Room

Attending: Dale Christie(chairman), Jim Moore, Tom Hogan, Pauline Hogan, Kim Metcalfe, Jay Thornton, Judy Frazier

Called to order at 6:02pm

Reviewed 10/17/23 meeting minutes. Jim made motion, Pauline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

Approved meeting agenda. Tom made motion, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

Judy (Town Manager) explained 4 people were appointed to pond committee by SelectBoard. They were Jim, Tom, Pauline and Dale. Jay will be the liason from the SelectBoard. Kim requested to be appointed the 5<sup>th</sup> board member.

Election of Officers: Dale Christie named chair, Tom Hogan vice-chair, and Kim meeting notes secretary.

Chairman's report:

Leaving the pond dock out seemed to be ok again and recommended to continue doing so. Discussed areas that need cleanup. Judy added that a large pine needs removal near picnic area and will ask PW to remove it or hire it out. Trails have been well used. Dam is holding with heavy flow currently. Judy said it will be inspected by the state on 4/24/24. Jim asked if he could be present. The ice fishing was bad, but currently good fishing. Dale recognized Charlotte Anderson for her 2 years of service and announced her resignation.

Seasonal Opening:

Dock is set, tables are out, grills will be put out by PW soon. Discussion about the tables and benches not matching. It is preferred that the count be reduced and have everything match. The town will work with the pond committee to review and make changes. Jim shared how some of the chairs are donated by visitors and then disposed of. The picnic area is in good shape because the town has been mowing it. Jim said he would throw down some seed in bare spots.

Signage:

Discussion about the provision to allow overnight camping by a permit. It was suggested that it get removed and the signs around the pond get updated for that item. It was brought up that there are signs indicating there are cameras on site and is that a concern? No comments. A portapotty at the picnic area was discussed and not approved by majority. Similar results to the

last time that was discussed. Judy added that conversations she's had suggest the gate should be removed and left open year round. Concerns about people doing damage or getting stuck were made. No action at this time. Judy asked how many visitors the pond gets on a daily basis. Answer was up to 25 a day. Jim said there are muskrats at the pond. They are on the shore just north of the dock. They might be a problem, but suggested we keep an eye on them. They might help reduce the algae problem though. Jim suggested we remove the car tires around the pond on green-up day. Mentioning the muskrats on the Beaver Pond page was recommended.

#### Mortimer Proctor Fund:

Dale offered a few possible suggestions for using the fund. They were a pavilion at the picnic area, floating platform, pavilion by the dam? None popular choices. New grills was suggested. They are aging and may not last after this year. This will be taken up at next meeting. Judy may have a request for different (new) furniture. Applications due end of July.

#### Maintenance and Improvements:

Jim will keep an eye on their test program for milfoil removal. No beavers currently to help. Lots of turtles at pond now. Dale to look into state program for removal of milfoil. Solar lights at dock suggested. Fear of them disappearing and not getting them agreed upon.

#### Trails:

Dale distributed drafts of new trail maps and stated that hundreds of them are taken each year. Board approved distributing new maps at the 3 trailheads. Tom asked for an update on the tri-town project. Those being Pittsford, West Rutland and Proctor. Meetings upcoming per Judy.

#### Rules & Ordinance:

See other comments about camping and permits.

#### Other Old and/or New Business:

Dale offered idea of a sign in corner of picnic area to honor Ray Beyette, "Ray's Cove". Agreed best not to have memorials. Scheduling future meetings was discussed. Leaving it at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday was agreed upon. Dale asked for a volunteer to fix the broken picnic area sign. Jim agreed to. It was hit by a car last fall. Judy asked if the pond can be stocked for fish. It was said not likely, unless a fishing derby was held and then we wouldn't get to choose what kind of fish. There may be private options, but that will require further research.

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. Dale 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Next meeting: None set