

Proctor Beaver Pond Committee  
Regular Meeting  
May 21, 2024 – 6:00PM  
Draft Minutes

Location: Proctor Town Office Meeting Room

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

Called to order at 6:01pm

Reviewed 04/16/24 meeting minutes. Jim made motion, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

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

Chairman's report:

Dale received a message from Mitchell Knowles. He feels the program was successful last winter. 2 pairs of Yak tracks may be missing and he has the remaining ones at his home for storage. Dale to follow up with Lisa to see if the missing pairs ended up at the library.

Dale shared a picture by Cherie Loso of grandkids at the bench at the pond overlook. The bench was provided by the pond committee.

Dale thanked the town crew for storing and installing the grills at the pond.

Dale thanked Jim for repairing the sign for the picnic area and reinstalling it.

Dam Inspection:

State was here recently and inspected the dam at the pond. No report yet back to the town, but it is expected that the dam will no longer be insurable. Some discussion about how if it failed there would be little or no damage. Jim tested it once before the extra culverts were in place and there was no damage.

Milfoil Removal:

No good news. Dale checked the State funding options, but we missed the application deadline. Try again next year when the applications reopen.

Mortimer Proctor Application:

Town recommends painting the grills and next year replacing grates and complete grill if needed. Dale found some options for purchasing new grills.

Maintenance & Improvements:

Dale asked Judy what standards does the town expect to have for care of the picnic area. The town feels less is more as for furniture and man made objects. As for lawn care, if the town can continue to make passes with their roadside mower, that would be appreciated, but the committee does not want to burden the town crew. The committee is fine doing around the

edges and whatever the town can't or won't do.

Jim surveyed the pines in the Picnic area and couldn't confirm the report of a dangerous or dead tree. He'll look again. He can cut it down if the town cleans up the mess.

Jim would like to make the pond lot a non logging area to let it go to natural area.

Picnic tables, stain them. Remove homemade benches with cedar posts and boards. Other benches not up to standards could be moved to the playground at the skating rink.

Dale suggests filling up the old marble foundation near the dam with topsoil and filling it with flower bulbs or native flowers. Judy will look into it.

Trails:

Dale stopped to fill up maps and found a broken map holder. He will repair and see how it holds up. He'll replace it if necessary. Dale would like to improve one short section of trail near the dam so the slope isn't as bad.

Overall, the trails are in great shape.

Rules & Ordinance:

The town has removed some of the signs stating the rules and will remove more that state permit option for overnight camping. Judy suggested the ordinance be changed to remove that option.

Other Old and/or New Business:

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting. Pauline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:57pm.

Next meeting: None set