

Proctor Beaver Pond Committee  
Regular Meeting  
October 22, 2024 – 6:00PM  
Draft Minutes

Location: Proctor Main Street Park

Attending: Dale Christie(chairman), Tom Hogan, Pauline Hogan, Jim Moore, Ed Fregosi

Dale called meeting to order at 6:04pm

Approved meeting agenda. Tom made motion, Jim 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Reviewed 09/17/24 meeting minutes. Jim made motion, Pauline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

Chairman's report:

Dale told everyone about a large section of a pine tree that broke off a dead tree in the picnic area and smashed the composite bench by the shore. Jim Moore spent most of a day cleaning it up. The bench is unfixable.

Dale praised the committee and volunteers for a great season. Visitorship was high this year and besides the fire on the dock, a very good year.

Conversation about tree in the pond at the shore of the Picnic area. Consensus to ask the town to remove it, if not we will try to ourselves.

End of Season Cleanup:

It was agreed no further weedwacking needed. Tables will remain at the swimming area for winter. Picnic area sign will be taken down by Dale in November before snow plows are out. Dale will ask town to house grills at town garage again.

Discussion about the gate was had. There are concerns about people having fires once the grills are removed. Most fires are had in the grills and the fear is they will make them elsewhere if the gate remains open during those months. There is also concern someone may drive onto the ice if the gate is left open.

Tom made a motion to request the SB to lock the gate after November 1<sup>st</sup> as the ordinance states. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All members voted to approve motion.

Tom suggested getting together on a weekend to spend time cleaning up what's around for trash and looking closer at the dead trees. After further discussion it will be combined with a raking date in November.

Maintenance & Improvements:

Dale offered the idea of building stone stairs up the steep section of the Mountain trail closest to the Picnic area. Everyone liked idea. Dale will contact those who built the steps at the Gorham Bridge for the portage for a quote.

Dale offered the idea that there may be a reroute option for the same steep section and it is worth exploring. Dale will meet with Jim to evaluate.

Dale told group about a conversation he had with Brian Perkins. He said his rotary group may be willing to do a project for the pond again. Dale suggested trying to get them for the Spring of 2025 to do a big trail project on the Mountain trail or the Valley trail. Group liked idea and Dale will contact Brian to start a conversation.

Trails:

Once the leaves are all down, a workday will be organized to do some raking in steep sections and junctions. Will be also used to help cleanup trash and survey dead trees.

Rules & Ordinance:

Nothing new. Briefly discussed the gate again and how the gate should be closed soon.

Other Old and/or New Business:

Dale asked the group to try to recruit new members or volunteers to the committee. If we get more volunteers we could consider events at the pond and get more projects done.

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. Pauline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:30pm.

Next meeting: Likely in Spring unless a meeting is needed to plan for the Rotary or if anything big comes up.