

Proctor Beaver Pond Committee
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2025 – 6:00PM
Draft Minutes

Location: Town Office Meeting Room

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

Dale called meeting to order at 6:07pm

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

Reviewed 4/22/25 meeting minutes. Kim made motion, Tom 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Chairman's report:

Pond has been very busy with fishing and swimming. Sand was brought in by the town and dumped at the pond's swimming area. Looks great and appreciated. Town is mowing picnic area when it is dry enough. Typical clean up procedure. Mostly by Jim Moore. Hoping to find a way to eradicate the poison parsnip by the swimming area.

Work Day:

Discussion was had and group decided not to have one at this time.

Maintenance/improvement:

Suggestion is to have a bike rack at picnic area. Discussion had and decision is not to at this time. Trees can be used to secure bikes if needed. Brian Perkins led a Rutland Rotary club group to help cleanup the picnic area. The group did a great job. Brian also offered to help in the future. Jim has rotated some of the grills to have the better ones closest to the parking lot.

Trails:

Dale registered & sent info to Alltrails.com. A year or so later, there has been a good number of reviews on all the trails and almost all favorable. Pictures were shared as well. The trails are being used well. Occasionally areas have to be cleaned up. A tree had fallen earlier and Brian Perkins and his family cleared it completely. In the past Jim did tree cleanup, so it is nice to have another willing party.

Rules & Ordinance:

Nothing new.

Other Old and/or New Business:

Dale put Beaver Pond trail maps at the skating house after getting permission from the town manager. They are housed in a holder next to the map for the Carriage trail. Dale has suggested

adding tiny signs along the trails marking points of interest. Group was in favor of idea. They would be identified on the trail maps. He will bring more info at the next meeting.

Dale (and Jim previously) have expressed interest in the land that forms a watershed feeding the pond. It is mostly channeled through an underground box culvert into the north west corner of the pond. The culvert was built when there was a large crane and storage yard there. Protecting the land would help protect the water quality of the pond. Discussion was had and the group was supportive of the idea to start a conversation with the town to seek purchase of the land.

Another discussion was had about adding the pond parcel to the town forest. Dale will do further research to determine what benefits or drawbacks that may exist. Group seemed someone negative to the idea but open to learning more.

Dale presented a thank you letter prepared by the town manager to give to the Rotary Clubs of Rutland for their work in the Spring. Dale asked the board to sign it, which they did. It will be mailed the next day.

Kim moved to adjourn the meeting. Pauline 2nd. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:03pm.