

Shiloh Pond Committee

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Webster Hall

5 p.m.

Present: Kathy Houston, Rob Woodhouse, Norm Goff, Will Jefferies, Annie Twitchell; Richard Hawkes, Brent West, Lynn Duttlinger present via Zoom

Public: Sue Davis, Walt Kilbreth

New Member:

Committee welcomes Will Jefferies to new position on committee; round of introductions.

Cabin Demolition:

Committee revisits building demolition following work day. Some interest in keeping the cabin as a museum of sorts but concerns about the integrity of the building along with liability for the town. Committee discusses pros, cons, work involved, along with cost for repairs/renovations and potential conflicts with the funding source re: structures on the property.

Rob Woodhouse makes a motion to tear down the building as originally intended; Lynn Duttlinger seconds; unanimous vote.

Permit by Rule/Select Board Meeting:

Report from select board meeting with regards to permitting; Kathy Houston thinks Richard Hawkes did an excellent job, thinks select board was totally in support and reports committee can use Leanna Targett's name as the agent on the permit. Committee needs check for \$266 or \$267 for the permit. Kathy Houston to inquire about where check is to be sent; High Peaks Alliance will pay the check.

Permit by Rule with Department of Environmental Protections for two things, to tear down the cabin and return to natural setting because of proximity to Reed Brook; also added in a canoe rack for potential installation. Permit is good for two years.

The second cabin is approximately 190 feet away from shore so Richard Hawkes does not think DEP will be involved with that cabin's removal.

Town will own the permit.

Work Plan:

Work plan/work schedule from Walt Kilbreth, 'subject to change'

Looking to do work towards the end of September when the weather is cooler and the bugs are gone.

After evaluation Walt Kilbreth thinks they may take the existing gate and modify it to close the roadway to vehicle access while allowing easy walking access.

Richard Hawkes says permit by rule says they need a silt fence when they demolish the camp; Walt Kilbreth says that shouldn't be an issue. Silt fence will be left up for a period of time and when the area is settled it can be removed. Would consider a silt fence in the brook through the bridge re-decking process.

Hazard materials from camp will need to be removed before demolition, such as shingles, tar paper, windows, propane tank and lines.

Estimating September 23 for state date.

Walt Kilbreth underwrote half the cost of materials for the project, Jordan Lumber Co covered the other half. Brent West personally thanks Walt.

ARC Enterprises donating gravel for the road work project.

Walt Kilbreth requests advance notice to public regarding complete road closure during the week of construction.

Second Cabin:

Richard Hawkes asks about second cabin, town's liability regarding a second set of steps that is rotten. Under state law, town has limited liability.

Donor Acknowledgement Plaque:

High Peaks Alliance is developing a small recognition plaque to honor NMRCP and other donors towards the acquisition; looking at a smallish brass tag that would be placed somewhere along the trail.

Lynn Duttlinger makes a motion to give Brent West permission to put the sign up where he best sees fit; all in favor, Brent West abstained.

Gate Policy, revisited:

Key to be available for check-out for committee members or select persons to sign out for official use.

Official use: monitoring property, trail maintenance and other work projects, etc.

General consensus to include a lock box somewhere on the property after the road construction is complete.

Remote Meeting:

Regarding remote meeting policy, Lynn Duttlinger needs a waiver; Kathy Houston to confirm with Leanna Targett that is in place already.

Road Marking:

There have been some complaints from the neighboring camp about people driving past the Shiloh Pond Road turn and going down to the next camp; Rob Woodhouse trimmed trees and added the 'Shiloh - this way' sign. Brent West will talk with abutter as well.

Next Meeting:

Meetings to continue Thursdays at 5 p.m.

Committee unsure of need to meet every month.

Brent West moves for October 6; Richard Hawkes seconds. Unanimous vote.

Rob Woodhouse moves to hold meetings every other month; Will Jefferies seconds. Unanimous vote.

Brent West will chair the meeting on October 6.

Possible items for discussion:

reflecting on this past season
recapping construction and destruction
checking out the other cabin

Richard Hawkes moves to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., unanimous vote.

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

