

Shiloh Pond Committee Meeting

October 6, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Will Jefferies, Richard Hawkes, Stacey McCluskey, Brent West, Rob Woodhouse, Annie Twitchell, Lynn Duttlinger (via Zoom)

Absent: Norm Goff, Kathy Houston

Public: Sue Davis, Walt Kilbreth

Minutes:

Minutes from July meeting: Lynn Duttlinger motion to accept, Stacey McCluskey second, vote unanimous

Report of Recent Work:

The recent work projects at Shiloh have been completed with some minor adjustments to consider in the spring.

An excavator was used to dig out large rocks in the Shiloh Pond Road and about seven loads of material was added to the road. Some more will be needed in the spring.

Material was added to maybe one hundred yards on the Tuft's Pond Road heading to the intersection of Tuft's and Shiloh.

There were a couple large boulders that couldn't be pulled; they may be tried again in the spring.

Lynn Duttlinger reported that her husband couldn't believe how good it looked after the work.

Two loads of gravel were left on the road for maintenance and one in the parking area for maintenance.

Much of the road work was completed in one day.

Rob and Nikki Woodhouse brushed out the parking lot prior to the work days.

Both the materials and the trucking were donated and there was no cost to the town.

Bridge:

The bridge decking was rotten, but the abutments and I-beams solid so only the wood was replaced.

Rob Woodhouse, Brent West, Richard Hawkes, Warren Hinkley, Sam Shirley, Walter Kilbreth worked on the project, laid down the pressure treated material to re-surface the bridge.

Materials were donated by Walt Kilbreth and Jordan Lumber Co.

Camp:

Camp was ripped down and debris removed. Richard Hawkes removed the combustible materials prior. Silt fence was installed due to proximity to the brook and hay, grass seed were put down.

Gravel has been left for maintenance on the roads and some pressure treated lumber has been left for bog bridges on trails if necessary.

Upcoming Trail Work:

Previously cleared the logging road to the back edge of pond, aiming towards the waterfall.

Will Rowe with High Peaks hiked around the rest of the pond to investigate a loop trail all the way around the pond, the corner to the left of the pond may make it difficult but definite possibilities. Next step would be to finish the trail to the waterfall, investigate options for either bog bridging on old logging track or working a new trail to avoid boggy areas.

Committee expresses interest in a loop trail at some point. Wildlife habitat and other considerations to look into before developing a trail.

Signage:

Parking area kiosk/sign, to coordinate with moving the gate.

Other:

Now that the bridge work is complete, let MDIFW know and see if we can get on the spring schedule for when they stock Grindstone (only fall stocking currently) Brent will talk with IFW about it.

Brent says to plan on trail work to waterfall and investigating the second cabin for the same day.

Richard Hawkes, canoe rack was put into the permit - approved, good for two years, make a decision by next year about what we want to do.

Canoe area checked out, no garbage, no big issues, canoes look to be floatable.

Painting property line to be finished at some point by committee volunteers.

Committee thanks Walt for leading the charge on the project

Consider some educational site visits for the committee/town

Next committee meeting on December 1, 5 p.m.

Work date for finishing the waterfall trail to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 6:03 p.m.

(Draft Minutes: October 7, 2022, Annie Twitchell.)