

Shiloh Pond Committee

December 1, 2022

5 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Kathy Houston; Annie Twitchell; Norman Goff; Richard Hawkes; Rob Woodhouse;

Brent West and Lynn Duttlinger via Zoom

Stacey McCluskey and Will Jefferies absent

October Minutes: Rob Woodhouse moves to accept the minutes as written; Brent West seconds

Public Comment:

Text from Walt Kilbreth: remind everyone that the main objective is to live by the mission statement ... each manmade object strays from the mission statement. Less is more.

Brent West requests to add an agenda item regarding Kingfield Trail Builders.

Kathy Houston wants to add an agenda item to review some potential next steps.

Signage: Committee verbally agrees to include "Shiloh Pond/Town of Kingfield" as permanent language on sign. Other documents and notices will be placed as a placard that can be removed and altered in future if necessary. Rob Woodhouse reports he and Walter Kilbreth have a plan to work on the sign, which will be installed at the same time the gate is relocated closer to the parking area.

Waterfall Trail: trail was cleared about 3/4 of the way to the waterfall over this summer, the old skidder road continues to the brook but is muddy and would be best moved away from the skidded road. Brent West laying out a trail in the spring because that's the time the terrain will be worst.

Kingfield Trail Builders: The group has apparently expressed interest in a possible project at Shiloh. Brent West notes that most of the property would not be easy trail building due to ledge and rocky terrain. Committee notes that dedicated mountain biking trails may not align with the mission statement and goals for the property. No action taken.

Question regarding sled dogs on the property. Committee discusses; some concerns, groomed trails would be required. No action taken.

Future Goals: Committee had agreed to see how this year went. Rob Woodhouse suggests that the committee start developing a stewardship plan with ongoing maintenance needs and some desired projects. The committee has the management plan designed during the grant application process that can be used as a framework and includes guidelines for the property use. Committee discusses some of the potential items that have been brought up to consider including in a stewardship plan. In addition, committee notes that stewardship plan needs to adhere to committee mission statement and guidelines in the management plan.

- Complete trail to waterfall
- Potential for a small open-sided pavilion and picnic tables outside of the shoreline zoning
- Trail that goes around the pond in a loop, maybe one or two that go off the loop
- Possible benches trailside
- Basic maintenance needs on Tuff's Pond Road; brushing, drainage, ditching
- Basic maintenance on Shiloh Pond Road
- Get forestry opinion for long-term benefits of forest since it was heavily cut
- Small cuts for grouse and woodcock

Canoe Rack: Richard Hawkes notes DEP permit by rule is good for two years, need to decide whether we are going to do anything in 2023. Permit-by-rule talked about 10-12 canoes on the rack. Considered a small rack for four canoes that town might want to put out for general public/community use. Rob notes the committee has discussed not building a canoe rack unless the town is providing some canoes. Concerns about town's liability if town is providing canoes; verbal agreement to ask Leanna Targett about this. Revisit canoe rack along with stewardship plan.

Next meeting: first Thursday in February.

Motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Annie Twitchell