

Shiloh Pond Committee Meeting

June 1, 2023 - 5 p.m.

Webster Hall

Present: Kathy Houston, Norm Goff, Will Jefferies, Richard Hawkes, Rob Woodhouse, Stacey McCluskey, Annie Twitchell

Present via Zoom: Lynn Duttlinger

Absent: Brent West

Public Comment - no public comment

April 2023 Minutes - Stacey McCluskey makes motion to approve, Will Jefferies seconds; unanimous

Review Work Plans -

Spring:

- Complete trail to waterfall
 - Wait a week or two until the black flies go down a bit; committee members to work on trails Thursday, July 6 at 5 p.m. and possibly finish up on Saturday, July 8 if necessary.
- Source cedar trails for rough benches
 - Rob Woodhouse looked for cedars or hemlocks that are already down and didn't find anything; found a nice cedar where the trail splits at the old log landing. Rob Woodhouse can take the tree down and process it up for benches when his tractor is up there for working on the road. Committee verbally agrees to move forward with taking down a tree for rough-cut benches. Norm Goff asks about a split rail fence in the cabin location to help keep people away from the bank and putting the benches inside the fenced area.
- KES
 - Revisit in the fall, consider organizing an event with Maine Professional Guides Association and KES in the fall.

- Family Trail Work Day grant was not received; still have equipment and materials for doing an educational family work day. Committee verbally agrees to look at trimming up current trail with a fall project with KES.

Summer:

- Roadwork
 - Jake Kilbreth is planning to help with excavator work, should be ready in early June. Rob Woodhouse to bring up his tractor to work on raking the road and spreading gravel in places as needed; quite a bit that should be able to be done by the middle of June. Rob Woodhouse will notify committee of road work dates.
- Signage and Kiosk
 - Basic map of property with waterfall trail, mission statement, and guidelines; wait until sign is installed when roadwork is done.
 - Loop in High Peaks Alliance to ask about the map design and creation.
 - Consider removing the fish gate while tractor is at the property.

Individual Work - no discussion needed

Kingfield POPS - High Peaks Alliance will have a table at the Makers on Main; consider something for Shiloh Pond. Stacey McCluskey moves to have a table at Makers on Main; Will Jefferies seconds; unanimous vote. Annie Twitchell will print photos for the display.

Other:

- Rob Woodhouse notes that Gerald Haynes used to have belongings in the cabin on the back of the pond and would like to have those items, possibly a woodstove. Annie Twitchell moves that Gerald Haynes can go take those items from the camp, possibly using a snowmobile if necessary during winter months. Stacey McCluskey seconds, vote unanimous. Camp will either be left to fall in or knocked down, but committee wants to remove metal materials from the camp at some point.
- Rob has woodducks at his property and wonders about building woodduck boxes up on Little Shiloh. Will Jefferies moves to make woodduck boxes, Stacey McCluskey seconds; unanimous vote.
 - Possible educational experiences as well
- Road updates: was there excessive use in the spring during mud season? Rob Woodhouse says one or two vehicles went in too early and left a couple ruts that need to be filled. Branches will need to be trimmed back on the roadway.

Next Meeting:
August 3, 2023 - 5 p.m.

Next Agenda: summary of summer projects, consider moving forward with school and education program opportunities.

Adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Submitted by Annie Twitchell, June 2, 2023