

Shiloh Pond Committee  
October 5, 2023  
Webster Hall  
5 p.m.

Attending: Richard Hawkes, Rob Woodhouse, Annie Twitchell, Kathy Houston  
Attending via Zoom: Lynn Duttlinger

Absent: Brent West, Norm Goff, Stacey McCluskey, Will Jefferies

Minutes: Lynn Duttlinger made a motion to table the approval of the minutes from August 3, 2023 until the next meeting, Richard Hawkes seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Request for Use:

Kathy Houston asked if the committee should consider a policy for addressing requests for use (such as snowmobile trails, dog sled trails) or if requests can be addressed as they come in.

Lynn Duttlinger shared a concern about the purpose of the property: recreational or conservation?

Annie Twitchell said that the management plan and traditional uses should have most of the criteria about the suitability of the request for the property and suggests that if there is an issue regarding property usage, it could be taken to the selectboard for additional input. She suggested that requests should be presented to the committee in-person so the committee can discuss the proposal, evaluate how it fits into the management plan and meets the permitted and prohibited uses outlined in the management plan, and then proceed with a decision or with making a recommendation for the select board for a decision.

Kathy Houston proposed that requests should include the following:

Name of persons or group.

Does the proposal meet the permitted and prohibited uses?

Detailed description of the proposed use including an outline on the map of the location(s) of the proposed use.

Describe how the proposal supports the mission of the property.

No motion was made.

ATV sign:

Kathy Houston found distinct ATV trails on the Shiloh Pond Road recently and noted the 'no ATV' signage on Tufts Pond Road is hard to see on a bicycle, so may be difficult to see on an ATV as well. There is no ATV access on Tufts Pond Road and no access trails to Shiloh Pond.

Lynn Duttlinger mentioned that her family will look into adding a 'no ATV' sign on Tufts Pond Road at their property.

No motion made.

Past business:

Kathy Houston requested that the committee review and take action on previously discussed items to include benches, fence, and a trail around the pond.

Fence - Rob Woodhouse made a motion to not build a simple fence at the old camp location. Lynn Duttlinger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Benches - Rob Woodhouse made a motion not to build simple benches that could be placed along the access trail. Lynn Duttlinger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Trail around the pond - Richard Hawkes made a motion to table the topic of the trail around the pond until we finish the waterfall trail; Rob Woodhouse seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

There were no members of the public in attendance and no public comment.

Dates for trail work:

Rob Woodhouse suggested identifying the remaining tasks: flagging the remainder of the waterfall trail, clearing the remainder of the waterfall trail; and putting those out as tasks to be completed when committee members have time, instead of trying to coordinate a work date. The committee cleared the old logging road that follows along the pond in 2022 and have intended to complete a short section that leads to a waterfall on the pond's inlet, but coordinating work dates has been a challenge.

Other:

Lynn Duttlinger noted that the road up to Grindstone Pond Road has been or will be cleaned up by Bayroot for operations.

Annie Twitchell asked Kathy Houston to ask for clarification from the town manager on the operating responsibilities of the committee.

Rob said that he put up the wooden sign at the parking area last weekend. This sign will include the permitted and prohibited uses along with other information.

Richard Hawkes made a motion to adjourn, Lynn Duttlinger seconded; the committee adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

*Submitted by Annie Twitchell.*