

Shiloh Pond Committee Minutes 1/4/2024

Present: Kathy Houston, Norman Goff, Brent West, Will Jeffries, Rob Woodhouse and Stacey McCluskey

Absent: Annie Twitchell, Richard Hawkes, Lynn Duttlinger

Agenda Item: Public Comment

No one from the public was in attendance.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes from October Meeting

Norman made a motion to approve the minutes. Rob seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item: Meeting attendance

Now that we are on a quarterly meeting schedule, Kathy is going to email a reminder with the agenda the week before and a second email the week of the meeting. Brent reminded the group that his commitment is to attend two meetings per year, but will attend more often if needed.

Kathy asked that we please reply to her email reminders, so that she knows we have received the message and any attached documents.

Agenda Item: Long Range Planning

We reviewed the overview of the Management Plan

Kathy would like the committee to make the town aware of the recreational opportunity at Shiloh Pond. She suggested we submit a letter into the town's annual report and have the same information on the town website.

Brent suggested we have a simple map on the town website and also highlight the people who volunteered or donated materials on the town annual report.

Stacey will draft a document for educators and one for families to be sent home from school, both about Shiloh Pond and suggested activities.

Brent raised the topic of maintaining a section of the Tuff's Pond Road, between Grindstone Pond Rd and the road to Shiloh Pond. In particular, improving the ditches, and back and grading the road. He suggested we get some estimates from local businesses such as Fenwicks. He noted that we have \$15,000 for road maintenance. There are other possibilities for getting the work done such as renting equipment, borrowing equipment, and community contributions of materials and labor. All the work could be done with a mini-excavator.

Rob explained that it is not possible to make improvements to the road surface under the ongoing wet conditions.

Sign/Plac: Rob will get an estimate and see what materials are available through Franklin Printing in Kingfield.

Kathy raised the topic that someone continues to leave their large, metal boat on the shore, even though she has left two letters taped to their boat, asking that they not leave it on the shore. The group decided that if it happens again, we will call the game warden to deal with it.

Breakdown of Plans for 2024.

Task	Steps	Person Responsible	Date of Completion Goal
Write letter for town annual report	See Leanna Draft letter, share with group, revise and submit	Kathy	
Select map for website and annual report		Brent	
Create documents for schools: one for educators and one to be sent home with students	Gather potential activities Create documents Share with group for revisions Make revisions Get approval from admin Make enough copies for all teachers and students at KES	Stacey	March
Improve Tuff's Pond Rd : clear/brush/ditch/grade	Get estimates, explore options: Foster, Norm, Fenwicks, Nunes, Birch Royal, Mark Wahl		May
Improve Shiloh Pond Rd: Culverts, ditching, grading			May
Finish trail to waterfall	Mark it out, clear it, paint blazes	Brent	Spring or summer
Scout trails around the pond and property	Scouting for potential trails, taking notes on water, etc.	Will	
Signage/Plaque	Put signs and maps on board and install	Rob Brent-map	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.