

*Shiloh Committee notes, 11/10/2021: 6:00-7:30pm*

Present: Andrew Gale, Rob Woodhouse, High Peaks Director Brent West, Chair Kathy Houston, Norman Goff.

Absent: Bob Moore, Stacey, McCluskey, Lynne Dutlinger, Annie Twitchell

Brent West moved acceptance of the Minutes of October 5, seconded by Rob Woodhouse. Approved unanimously

### **Housekeeping**

Meetings will be scheduled at 5pm the first Wednesday of the month.

Chair Kathy Houston handed out a draft of the committee's mission for homework. She will send those not present a copy. Mission to be discussed at next meeting, for final approval then or soon after.

Andrew Gale accepted the position of timekeeper.

### **Brent West report (an addition to the agenda as the information was received after the agenda was put out.)**

West reported receiving feedback from the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program (MNRCP) about the committee's plan to date. Engineers liked everything but want more information on the picnic pavilion / shelter. They prefer that it sit outside the 250 ft buffer around water features. West stressed the primary interest of the MNRCP is protection of the wetlands associated with the property, which have been preserved as mitigation for commercial destruction of wetlands. They're okay with our forestry plan. They don't care as long as it doesn't impact the water resource.

The committee agreed to accept MNRCP's request to place a pavilion outside of the 250 ft zone.

Norman Goff asked about getting Trout Unlimited involved because at 1 in 5, Shiloh has a high percentage of natural trout. Signage was also discussed.

Goff continued to advocate for benches for resting close enough to watch the pond.

**Public Comment -** Walt Kilbreth asked about how money was being managed. West explained that the money for this project came from the Trust for Public Lands and is being managed by the High Peaks Alliance, which is solely responsible. If people want to make donations it is easiest if they do so through a designated contribution to the High Peaks Alliance.

To date approximately \$90.00 on paint has been expended

### **Parking**

Houston opened the discussion of pros and cons of the two choices for the parking lot: at its present location before the bridge and in a logging yard beyond the bridge.

Pros and cons for each choice:

- 1) Current Parking before bridge:
  - Keeps it more wild
  - Could have footbridge, be only a pedestrian bridge
  - Less change, more acceptance
  - Experience of walking in is great
  - Con: distance, for lugging a canoe
- 2) In yard after bridge on right:
  - Easier to lug canoe
  - Offers better trailhead
  - Easier to expand parking space

- Space better armored/hardened
- Better handicap accesible
- Con: easier to drive around to pond
- Con: more nuisance use
- Con: more road to maintain.

The committee decided to do a site visit. Members and interested public will meet at the bridge at 9am Sunday, November 14. No formal decision was made.

### **Canoes as it relates to parking**

As agreed at the last meeting, West researched and reported on the Nature Conservancy and AMC's 100-mile wilderness approach to canoes. The committee agreed canoes will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting.

### **Boundary marking**

West recognized Rob Woodhouse's work nearly finishing the boundary marking begun October 24. There is only one section of the northern boundary left to finish.

The meeting ended at 7:35, moved by Rob Woodhouse, seconded by Andrew Gale, approved unanimously.