

Shiloh Pond Committee

December 1, 2021

5 p.m.

Present: Chair Kathy Houston, High Peaks Director Brent West, Andrew Gale, Rob Woodhouse, Stacey McCluskey, Annie Twitchell, Lynn Duttlinger via Zoom

Absent: Norman Goff, Bob Moore

Minutes:

Approve minutes of November meeting: Brent West moves, Stacey McCluskey seconds.

Rob Woodhouse, Brent West, Kathy Houston, Andrew Gale, Stacey McCluskey in favor.

Annie Twitchell abstains.

Public Comment:

None.

Fire Chief report:

Annie Twitchell reports on conversation with Kingfield Fire Chief Fred Nichols about possibly using the camp near the boat landing for a fire department training. Chief Nichols does not want to use the camp for a training exercise. Chief Nichols advises that the best option is to demolish the building and remove the debris.

Review Draft Mission Statement:

Brief statement drawn from the management plan.

Lynn Duttlinger makes motion to approve mission statement. Brent West seconds.

Unanimous approval.

Review Draft Working Agreement:

Discussion of language and phrasing.

Rob Woodhouse says that these working agreements are basically to facilitate conversations; should the agreement include additional guidelines for the operation of the committee, such as presenting ideas to the select board and taking actions on items?

Brent West says that the memorandum of understanding between the town and HPA includes discussion about expectations of the committee. He will send the MOU to committee members. He thinks that if the committee is working within the management plan, they are okay to move forward; as the committee and the town are both new to this, they should lean towards more updates.

Lynn Duttlinger asks if we can add to the agreement that we will be transparent to the local government and the community. General agreement to add statement.

Review again in an upcoming meeting. No action taken.

Canoes:

The canoes are discussed. Kathy sums up the discussion: the general idea is to keep the canoe storage and usage as-is, but add signage to keep canoes off the shoreline and stored within a designated area. Committee will monitor the number of canoes being stored at the pond to prevent overburdening the resource; if the number exceeds twenty boats, the committee will have to meet and discuss further.

Rob Woodhouse makes motion to accept those stated guidelines. Lynn Duttlinger seconds. Unanimous approval.

Parking Lot:

The parking lot discussion is resumed from the previous meeting and site visit.

Brent West makes a motion to keep the parking lot at the current location, with the understanding to fix the bridge and address the gate. Stacey McCluskey seconds.

Lynn Duttlinger, Kathy Houston, Andrew Gale, Stacey McCluskey, Brent West in favor of motion. Rob Woodhouse opposes. Annie Twitchell abstains.

Rob Woodhouse makes a motion to redeck the entire width of the bridge. (Rather than reducing width to a foot bridge.) Stacey McCluskey seconds. Unanimous approval.

Future agenda items:

- disposal of camp near canoe launch
- potential summer project: clearing trail to the waterfall
- canoe storage placement
- logos, names, maps, and signage

Kathy Houston will ask to speak at the next Kingfield select board meeting to present the board with an update.

Stacey McCluskey moves to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes recorded by committee secretary Annie Twitchell.