

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
July 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Red Hill Road Parking Area

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Chair Rich Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:08 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Burton, Wes Beeman, Amy Bartels, John Tolbert, Matt Reed, Ainsley Highman and Leslie Bernardini

WARDENS REPORT: Matt Reed discussed the boundry between Branford/North Branford as far as brush and tree cutting with a few homeowners. He informed us that the homeowners at 38 Piscitello Drive have cleaned up and gotten rid of brush on Open space property. He has gotten a quote for 2 needed chainsaws. There was a discussion of vine cutting.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- John has setup a Petition for additional speed humps
- Cutting of dead or dying trees is ongoing and will continue.
- Large Mouth Bass have been delivered
- Pond treatment has been done.
- A new Hiking Map has been completed
- The poles for the Fishway bridge have been ordered

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- Supply Ponds, Queach, Pisgah Brook have been walked with DEEP Forester and Patrick Sweeney and we are awaiting the report.

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Hilltop Drive/Green Trail Boardwalk completed
- Boardwalk behind DeLeo at Green Trail & Branford Trail has been completed
- Waiting for estimate and placement of supplemental boulders at several locations
- Extensive tree cutting on Saltonstall ridge. New Illegal trails being established.

BEACON HILL:

- Gates are built, waiting for installation.
- A new Hiking Map has been completed
- A P. O. has been issued for the new Kiosk

QUARRY:

- Parking area complaints were discussed
- Driveway/Parking lot rehab discussed

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

- Waiting for gate installation.
- Parking area will be worked on

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 460 followers.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm. at Supply Ponds Meadow