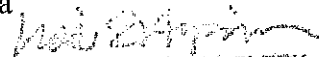


Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Supply Ponds Meadow Parking Area

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Chair Rich Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:03 pm

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

WARDENS REPORT: Matt Reed discussed having cut hanging branches and widow makers at Supply Ponds. He reported clipping many Vines and Mugwort at Supply Ponds near various signs and blazes for visibility. Matt took care of a Wasp Nest at the Quarry Parking area and has been cleaning up various trail heads and parking areas.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- The Petition for additional speed humps is gotten 60+ signatures and we discussed ways to get more.
- Cutting of dead or dying trees will be completed by Witkowsky Tree in the next week.
- The new Hiking Map is in production and will be arriving next week.
- P.O.'s have been issued for brush cutting on the Orange and Yellow Trails and an estimate for the sed pond trail has been requested.
- We discussed submitting an application to Inland Wetlands Commission and Engineering for the Fishway bridge

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- Jim Boyd will walk the property to see about installing fiberglass boardwalks

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Waiting for Jim Boyd to place supplemental boulders

BEACON HILL:

- The gate and boulders have been installed.
- The new kiosk is in the process of being installed.

QUARRY:

- Waiting for an estimate for a P.O. for labor for parking lot repairs and Green Trail grading from parking lot to the start of the Branford Trail.

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

- Waiting for gate installation.
- The brush along driveway, parking lot, and perimeter of entire upper field have been cut.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 470 followers.
- Rich will replace all updated trail maps in the kiosks as they are completed.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm. At Branford Community House.