

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority

Special Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2023
Branford Quarry Parking Area

Chair Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:04 pm

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

WARDENS REPORT: Matt Reed advised us he removed the trees hanging overhead at the Supply Ponds Peninsula, and several other blowdowns on the main trails as well. He also completed the brushing at Knockers Hole in Pisgah Brook. Matt and Don Kacenski discussed equipment needed in the future for budget purposes.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- The Petition for additional speed humps has gotten 65 signatures and we discussed ways to get more.
- We discussed the difficulty of getting the pedestrian bridge below the dam completed. JT will take the lead on the project.

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- The Upper Queach fiberglass boardwalks have been installed.
- Discussed ways to block dirt bike entry from Queach Road.
- We discussed trail brushing needed on the Blue/Yellow Trail

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Waiting for Jim Boyd to place supplemental boulders
- We discussed the ordering of fiberglass boardwalks for very muddy areas in Knockers hole as a more permanent solution.

BEACON HILL:

QUARRY:

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

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

- The gate and sign have been installed

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 525 Followers.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm. At Branford Community House.

Wes Beeman
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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