

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
December 13, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
Branford Community Center, 46 Church St.

Chair Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:08 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Burton, Leslie Bernardini, John Tolbert, Wes Beaman, Ainsley Highman

WARDENS REPORT:

SUPPLY PONDS:

- Additional speed humps were approved and engineers are deciding where to put them.
- The Spillway Pole Bridge is on hold, pending discussion of flooding issues in the area.
- The Christmas Tree has been put up.

QUEACH PROPERTY, PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- There has been repeated ATV dirt bike traffic and vandalism at Queach Gate, Johnsons Farm, Piscatello Drive and the Vigliotti gate. People have been cutting locks and chains and going through fields. We have gotten new locks, chains and cameras to be installed. We discussed solutions and replacement of vandalized boardwalk.
- Discussed locations for placement of supplemental boulders
- Installing fiberglass boardwalks in Knocker's Hole are on hold for flooding issues

BEACON HILL:

QUARRY:

- The Quarry parking lot and Green Trail rehab is scheduled to start the week of 12/11/23
- Matt received quotes for the Red Hill Woods and Van Wie Parking area rehab.
- We are waiting for a quote for the Boardwalk at the end of Red Hill Road

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 571 Followers
- Line painting at Supply Ponds and Beacon Hill has been completed
- We approved the 2024 Meeting Schedule
- We are ordering "No Electric Bikes" signs for the Quarry and Red Hill Road, and discussed other signs needed
- Discussion and planning of future projects:
 - Repair and fasten boardwalk at Eppes Property
 - New access trail from Green Trail in Queach Preserve to Red Rocks Road
 - New boardwalks on wet areas of Red and Yellow Trails at Supply Ponds

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday January 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm. At Branford Community House.

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