

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Branford Community House 46 Church Street.

John Tolbert opened the Meeting at 6:01 pm

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

WARDENS REPORT: Don Kacenski discussed having gotten new locks for various gates. He has been chatting with neighbors regarding the gates and ATV activity. Matt Reed has been out cutting various trees and responding to any urgent trail maintenance needs that arise. We discussed boardwalk problems on Eppes and Upper Queach properties.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- We are still waiting for a date for the additional Speed Humps
- Two 12 ft corrugated plastic pipes were installed on the yellow trail alongside the pond.
- The poles for the Fishway bridge have been ordered will be delivered in March.
- The embankment work is completed by the fish ladder. We discussed the status of the bridge.

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- Dirt bike and ATV activity were discussed

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- The need for supplemental boulders needed at Hilltop Drive, Laurel Hill & Blue Trail, behind DeLeo Field at the bridge.

BEACON HILL:

QUARRY:

- Parking lot work has been completed.
- Green trail maintenance has been completed
- Van Wie and Red Hill Road parking area rehab is on hold
- Boardwalk at the end of Red Hill Road – awaiting an estimate

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

- Northern boundary was marked and staked by Land Trust and Parks & Open Space. Major encroachments discovered

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, with 590 followers and an increase in activity.
- “No Electric Bikes” signs have been ordered and we discussed their placement.
- We discussed potential projects for 2024/2025 budget

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm. at Branford Community Center

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