

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
March 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Branford Community Center 46 Church Street

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Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:03 pm

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

WARDENS REPORT: Don Kacenski discussed putting on new locks and chains on various gates that were cut open. He mentioned a lot of ATV activity in the Queach area and said ATV activity has also been reported at the Deleo Field. Matt Reed discussed illegal camping activity going on at the Quarry property. He also updated us on the status of Fiberglass boardwalks that will be placed on various properties. He will be repairing/replacing the boardwalks at the Eppes Property and upper Queach that were vandalized.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- We are waiting for a date for the additional Speed Humps
- The Spillway Pole Bridge – JT informed us it was moving along - tree/trail clearing has been done, gravel has been put down, abutment elevation has been taken, the poles have been delivered. Additions work will be done this week.
- The parking lots on Short Rocks Road and North Chestnut Street have been completed.

QUEACH PROPERTY, PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- We discussed the continued ATV and dirt bike activity in Queach/Pisgah Brook Preserves. We discussed the placement of additional boulders.

BEACON HILL:

- The Quarry History has been posted in the kiosk.
- We discussed clearing the Quarry area
- We discussed painting over the trolley bridge graffiti.

QUARRY:

- The Van Wie parking lot area has been completed.
- The Red Hill Road Parking area is pending.
- Boardwalk at the end of Red Hill Road – awaiting an estimate

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, with 592 followers
- “No Electric Bikes” signs have been delivered and we discussed their placement locations at Supply Ponds and the Quarry.
- We discussed potential projects for 2024/2025 budget
- We discussed the name change from Parks and Open Space Authority to the Open Space Commission

Meeting was adjourned 6:48 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm. at Branford Community Center 46 Church Street