

**Town of Branford**  
**Parks and Open Space Authority**  
**April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
**Branford Community House**

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*Wendy Burton*  
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John Tolbert opened the Meeting at 6:07 pm

Present: John Tolbert, Wendy Burton, Ainsley Highman, Leslie Bernardini and Matt Reed.

**WARDENS REPORT:** John Tolbert is now a Town Warden. Matt Reed reported that he is reporting to the DEEP Warden of the illegal camp site at Beacon Hill. He also said someone has been cutting blowdown trees and stacking the wood at Supply Ponds. He also noted that the stump in the main Supply Pond parking lot has been painted orange, and he plans to remove it.

- Placement of the "No Electric Bikes" signs to be put up at the Quarry, Red Hill Road, and the Supply Pond Entrances has not been done yet.

**SUPPLY PONDS:**

- The placement of additional speed humps is still waiting for town engineers
- We discussed the culverts at the yellow bollards being a safety issue – there is no solution that will not Cause flooding over the trails.
- The Spillway Pole Bridge still needs town approval, but is expected to be completed by the end of April
- We are getting an estimate and permit for stocking Large-mouth bass and Channel catfish in May.

**QUEACH PROPERTY, PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:**

- We discussed repeated boardwalk vandalism
- We plan to place and pin new line of boulders at Eppes.
- We will remove existing boardwalks and transport them to upper Queach.
- We will repair and extend the boardwalk at upper Queach.
- We will place additional boulders at Vigliotti gate.
- Leslie noted a lot of blowdowns in Knockers Hole

**BEACON HILL:**

- We again discussed whether or not to paint over the graffiti

**QUARRY:**

- The parking area at Red Hill Road has not been done – due to too much rain.
- The Boardwalk at the end of Red Hill Road – We are waiting for an estimate, but Matt has some materials and ideas on how to complete the project.

**OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:**

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 596 followers.
- We presented a plaque to Susan Rood for her work around Branford picking up debris.
- We discussed locations of the summer meetings

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm. at the Branford Community House

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:58 PM