

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
May 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Branford Community Center, 46 Church St

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Chair Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:05 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Burton, John Tolbert, Wes Beaman, and Matt Reed

WARDENS REPORT: Matt Reed has been doing regular trail maintenance and he went out in his kayak and removed fishing line from the Supply Ponds. John Tolbert discussed the tree issues in the Queach area and Knockers Hole. John was told there have been Motor bikes coming in at Laurel Hill Road. We discussed putting up the No E-Bike signs and where they will be placed.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- Additional speed humps have not been put in yet, but will be done this spring.
- The Spillway Pole Bridge is being built and will be completed approximately by Memorial Day.
- A P.O. has been issued for 200 large-mouth bass and 600 channel catfish.

QUEACH PROPERTY, PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- There has been continued ATV trespass on Johnson's Farm
- We are waiting for P.O. to place and pin new line of boulders at Eppes property.
 - Remove existing boardwalks and transport them to upper Queach
 - Repair and extend boardwalk at upper Queach
 - Place additional boulders at the Vigliotti gate
- A P.O. has been issued to repair the kiosk at the end of Laurel Hill Road
- We discussed and reviewed possible trail repairs and relocation of the trail through Knockers Hole.

BEACON HILL:

- We discussed the need for repairs to the parking lot – additional gravel needed.

QUARRY:

- The Red Hill Road parking area work will begin as soon as possible, needs to be dry.
- A P.O. has been issued to repair the shingle roof on the kiosk at Van Wie Pond.
- A P.O. has been issued to build 140' boardwalk at the end of Red Hill Road.

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 606 Followers. We discussed topics to be posted
- We discussed the ongoing vandalism at Queach, Pisgah Brook, Saltonstall Mountain – Tearing off blazes and signs and moving of boardwalks.
- We decided on the venues and dates for the summer meetings. June – Supply Ponds, July – Quarry, August – DeLeo Field, September – Beacon Hill

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday June 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Supply Ponds Main Gate.