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Town of Branford  
Parks and Open Space Authority  
June 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
Red Hill Road Parking Area

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Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:05 pm

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

**WARDENS REPORT:** John Tolbert has been doing routine tree cutting as reported in Upper Queach, and the Ice House area of Supply Ponds. He has done some Gate and Lock Maintenance at Queach. Matt Reed reported he has been doing various trail maintenance as well as a lot of work in Knockers Hole on the new Side Hill trail, and moving boardwalks from one location to other locations as needed.

John Tolbert has begun putting up the No E-Bike signs at Supply Ponds and will put them up at the Quarry and Red Hill Road parking areas

**SUPPLY PONDS:**

- The placement of additional speed humps is still waiting, but John Tolbert rode around with the Police scouting locations.
- The Spillway Pole Bridge is expected to be completed by the end of June
- Large-mouth bass and Channel catfish are being stocked this week

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

- We plan to place and pin new boulders at Eppes.
- We have removed existing boardwalks and transported them to upper Queach and Red Hill Road
- Kiosk repair at the end of Laurel Hill Road is still waiting.
- Knockers Hole has had extensive trail relocation and repairs

**BEACON HILL:**

- There is a Fire pit below the trolley tracks – we discussed how to address this issue.
- Trash continues to be a problem in the parking lot

**BRANFORD QUARRY:**

- The parking area at Red Hill Road has been widened and gravel put down
- The Boardwalk at the end of Red Hill Road – Land Trust & Open Space project will be done
- Kiosk repair at Van Wie Pond needs to be done
- Kiosk repair at Quarry Parking Lot – Matt will repair and get a boulder placed

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page is active, with 610 followers.
- We discussed a Potential Board Vacancy
- We discussed locations of the summer meetings

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm. at the Branford Quarry – Main Parking Lot

**FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS**

August 7 – DeLeo Field off Laurel Hill Road

September 4 – Beacon Hill – pent Road Parking Lot

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:05 PM