

**Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
August 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes
Branford Community Center**

Chair Richard Shanahan opened the meeting at 6:08pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Matt Reed, John Tolbert, Ainsley Highman and Leslie Bernardini

WARDENS REPORT: Matt Reed talked to an Eagle Scout again regarding the possible Eagle Scout Project for the proposed new lower pond trail. Matt has been working on cleanup projects by the DeLeo field and Beacon Hill. In addition, Matt reports that the fire pit at Beacon Hill is growing in size and also the amount of trash being left.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- John Tolbert awaiting word from the Department of Public Works on a date for the approved speed humps to be installed at the Supply Ponds
- Second water treatment completed mid-July. Duck weed is gone.
- All trails need maintenance due to overgrowth from tropical weather.

QUEACH, PISGAH BROOK, SALTONSTALL:

- Additional boulders need at Eppes.

BEACON HILL:

- Per Warden's report, fire pit is growing and so is the trash pile at the trail head.

BRANFORD QUARRY:

- Boardwalk at end of Red Hill Rd. – pending completion.
- Kiosk repair at Van Wie Pond – completed.
- Kiosk repair at Quarry parking lot – completed.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- We discussed potential Board vacancy.
- Open Space Facebook page report – no status on followers. Wendy was not present for meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 6:00pm at DeLeo Field (off Laurel Hill Rd.)

Wendy Bernardini
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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