

**Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Quarry Parking Lot**

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Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:00 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Burton, Wes Beeman, Matt Reed, Greg Cox, Leslie Bernardini

WARDENS REPORT: John Tolbert was absent. Matt Reed reported removing firepits at Beacon Hill and the Quarry and will keep an eye out. The Brush Cutter has arrived, fueled and in storage at the Transfer Station. Matt reported a large overhead tree removal at Beacon Hill. He has been making boardwalks.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- There are now 2 working game cameras set up at Supply Ponds
- The N. Chestnut Street trail was approved by the Inland Wetlands Commission and a Purchase Order has been Issued
- Ainsley Highman received an estimate for the Main Parking lot paving, and it will be put off for this year.
- "No Dumping of Yard Waste" signs have been installed and brush has been cleared on Short Rocks Road by Public Works
- We discussed sightings of EBikes on the trails

QUEACH PROPERTY, PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- There has been ATV activity on Saltonstall Mtn. from the North Branford side.
- We discussed re-blazing the Yellow, Green and Blue trails as many blazes are missing.
- Boulders have been reset and trail improvement has been done at DeLeo Field and end of Laurel Hill

HILLTOP PRESERVE:

- A Purchase Order was issued to stake out the Right of Way from Cedar Street and at the end of Hillside Ave. For potential entrance areas.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, with 656 followers
- 30 sections of fiberglass boardwalks have been ordered. We discussed locations that need them.

Meeting was adjourned 7:07 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:00pm at Beacon Hill parking area at the end of Pent Road