

Town of Branford  
Parks and Open Space Authority  
Minutes, Meeting of November 7, 2018

Attending: Ainsley Highman, Chair; Joe Blumberg, Greg Ciocci, Judy Miller, John Tolbert; Pete Daros, Warden.

Guests: Peter Daros Jr, Tom Cleveland, Rich Shanahan

The meeting began at 7:35 PM at Canoe Brook Center.

1. Warden's Report: no new problems.
2. Pisgah Brook/Saltonstall Mountain: there is ongoing ATV use.
3. Supply Ponds:

Ainsley spoke to Mike Harkin, engineer regarding creating plans/drawings for the Pine Gutter Bridge replacement. Cost would be very high due to need for the engineer to have liability insurance for structural plans. Other approaches will be explored.

J. Boyd & Sons will schedule dredging of the Pine Gutter Brook sed pond. PO has been submitted and approved. Jim Boyd expects to start work soon.

The dedication of the memorial bench for Noble Proctor took place at Supply Ponds on October 14.

4. Beacon Hill: no new problems.
5. Quarry/Medlyn: no new problems.
6. Kaczynski: the meadow has been mowed.
7. ATV enforcement: efforts ongoing.
8. Rich Shanahan gave an update regarding efforts to increase the use of Queach and Pisgah Brook by walkers and mountain bikers and discourage motorized vehicle use. A route for a new trail from Laurel Hill Rd to Supply Ponds has been proposed. A kiosk is planned on the yellow trail at the base of the Queach trail. It was suggested that on signage, the entire Supply Ponds-Queach-Saltonstall Mountain complex be referred to as "The Pisgah Preserve".
9. Tom Cleveland presented an overview of the Branford Quarry including the present state of the quarry, certification as a sustainable quarry, and the extensive use of Stony Creek granite with examples from New York City, Washington DC, and West Point.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes recorded by Ainsley Highman