

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
Minutes, Meeting of 7/10/2019

Attending: Ainsley Highman, Chair; Joe Blumberg, Greg Ciocci, Connie Drysdale, Richard Shanahan, John Tolbert; Don Kacenski, Asst. Warden.

The meeting began at 6:30 PM at Canoe Brook Center.

1. Warden's Report: Queach trail, Quarry parking lot as detailed below.

Several areas along trails need brush cut back. Expenditure of not more than \$650. at Giant Oak Power Equip. for a power tool consisting of power head with brush cutter and hedge trimmer attachments was approved unanimously.

2. Pisgah Brook/Saltonstall Mountain: ongoing severe damage from heavy ATV use continues. Some type of obstruction at the end of Lantern View Dr will be considered. However, the trail from the cul-de-sac may cross private property.

A rendering of the proposed parking area at the DeLeo meadow has been provided to a contractor for an estimate of cost. Ainsley will contact the contractor again.

3. Supply Ponds: A more detailed plan of repair for Pine Gutter Brook Bridge is needed, once in hand we will go back to Inland Wetlands for approval. Ainsley contacted 2 engineers, they are busy and will get in contact when they have time to visit the site.

Hunter Daros has prepared written plans for a scout project for stone jam diversions in Pine Gutter Brook. The previously completed Millone & McBroom PGB study contains several applicable descriptions with drawings. Ainsley will work on application to IWC.

Rich made suggestions for colors to blaze additional trails at Supply Ponds. Discussion to continue at August meeting.

Still looking at more parking space options.

The plank bridge over Queach Brook (yellow trail) is in need of repair. A quote has been received, more details needed. Greg will measure the handrail height to check feasibility of lowering rails so a bike can cross without having to dismount.

4. Beacon Hill: Peter Raymond will look into funding from the state for Beacon Hill reclamation project. No update as yet.

5. Quarry/Medlyn: placing fresh crushed rock at Quarry parking lot should be considered. In addition there is a large section near the beginning of the trail from the parking lot which often retains water and could be filled. Don will inquire at the Quarry about obtaining crushed rock.

6. Kaczynski: BLT would like permission to clear invasive shrubs which are encroaching around the perimeter of the meadow. Unanimously approved by POS members present.

7. Queach: Contents of kiosk are still pending. There is an eroded area on the steep initial portion of the Queach trail which might benefit from some type of repair. One quote for repair has been

received from a contractor. Greg, J.T. and Don will meet at the site to inspect and make recommendations at the August POS meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes recorded by Ainsley Highman