

**TOWN OF BRANFORD
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY**

**Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2022**

**MEETING WAS HELD AT
BRANFORD COMMUNITY HOUSE
46 Church Street**

Chair Rich Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:00 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Chapman, Judy Miller, Wes Beeman, Amy Bartels, John Tolbert, and Ainsley Highman.

SUPPLY PONDS:

Still no action or response regarding the 5 Hannah Drive encroachment.

Still no action or response regarding the Erosion and sedimentation behind Ferndale & Island View Condos.

Richard met with J. Witkowski to discuss possible erosion control, solutions for Pine Gutter Brook. The nature and location of the job makes providing a cost estimate very difficult.

John has been given a couple estimates for a bridge replacement. The board is still discussing options to replace the bridge in a safe and financially favorable way.

Obtaining an estimate for the dredging of the Sed Pond is still being negotiated. The soil deposited as result of Hurricane Ida has been contaminated with broken glass. Soil is unable to be used around the trails.

An estimate for restoring the Green Trail from Scotts Bench to Sed Pond and removing a dangerous tree situation at Scotts Bench has been requested.

All board members agreed on the look and wording for the "Entering Supply Ponds" signs. Font and letting sizing will be changed slightly before final approval.

Board discussed the proposal of establishing 2 new trails into Queach & Supply Ponds at the ends of Pine Hollow Rd, and end of Red Rock Rd. More research and info is needed to determine feasibility.

Supply Pond Meadow – Removing invasive's along perimeter – No update

Peninsula Kiosk – Waiting for estimate.

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

Boulder placement at DeLeo gate, culvert gate, "knockers Hole" & surrounding area. Erosion control needed past DeLeo and on Laurel Hill – Estimates submitted. P.O.'s issued. Work expected to start soon, weather permitting.

Boulder at North Entrance was moved by ATV riders.

QUARRY:

Kiosk at Van Wie Pond & repair of kiosk at Red Hill Road - still pending.

Land Trust Trail Maintenance Work Party – Saturday, February 12 at 9:00 am. Quarry parking area. Clean up and brush cutting.

Re-blazing of trails to begin, color scheme agreed by Branford Land Trust and Open Space Authority.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Greenway status for Branford Trail. Need to walk area, weather permitting, no update.

Parks & Open Space Facebook is a work in progress.

Board reviewed and discussed the 2022/23 Budget. Members will advise Richard of any items they see that need to be added.

Board discussed a Letter from Denise Cappella regarding bad dog behavior at Supply ponds. All members agreed that the wording and layout of current notice of regulations needs to be updated and posted..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at The Branford Community Center at 6:00 pm.