

**Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
Minutes, Meeting of 2/8/2021
ZOOM (virtual) meeting**

Attending by Zoom: Richard Shanahan, Chair; Joe Blumberg Judy Miller, John Tolbert, Wes Beeman, Don Kacenski, Connie Drysdale and Stacy Bandecchi; guest.

The meeting began at 5:55 PM

1. New parking spaces at the main entrance have been completed and the entrance area has been cleaned up.
2. The rails on the bridge between the ponds have been replaced by Public Works. Reports are that the Engineering Dept. is in preliminary stages of looking at possible bridge replacement.
3. Diana McCarthy-Bercury has been formally asked to intervene on repair/replacement/removal of Pine Gutter Brook footbridge.
4. A meeting with Police Lt. Ramey regarding speed humps and No Parking signs was postponed due to weather.
5. Purchase order has been issued for the repair of the memorial bench for Noble Proctor.
6. Gate on Queach Road is installed. Will be painted later in the year with warmer weather.
7. Projects for boulder placements on Queach Rd, Northford Rd, Pisgah Brook footbridge and Lantern Hill Road have been approved. Purchase orders to be issued soon.
8. Hanna Drive encroachment issue has been referred to Inland Wetlands. Richard to follow up with the Town Attorney.
9. ATV activity has been reported on Beacon Hill. Boulders need to be moved back.
10. There was a general discussion about developing guidelines regarding the placement of memorials on Open Space properties.
11. A separate discussion was had regarding electric powered vehicles on Open Space properties. There was a general consensus electric motors should be treated the same as all other motorized vehicles. A motion was made by Judy Miller to prohibit all motorized vehicles regardless of the type of motor on all Parks & Open Space properties. The motion was seconded by Wes Beeman. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

The next Parks & Open Space meeting will be a via Zoom on March 3, 2021 at 5:45 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by Richard Shanahan