

**Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
Minutes, Meeting of 6/2/2021**

Attending: Richard Shanahan, Chair; Wes Beeman, Joe Blumberg, Connie Drysdale, Ainsley Highman, Judy Miller, John Tolbert; Don Kacenski, Warden; Amy Bartels, Wendy Burton, guests.

The meeting began at 5:45 PM at Supply Ponds – main parking lot, Short Rocks Rd.

Don cleared downed trees at Supply Ponds Meadow, Hilltop Drive, and Vigliotti Access Road off of Queach Rd.

Supply Ponds:

Aquatic Plant survey to begin June 2. Recommendations to follow.

Bill Aniskovich sent info on 5 Hannah Drive encroachment. New and expanded violations in the past two months.

Erosion and sedimentation behind Ferndale & Island View Condos - No action taken

Pine Gutter Brook bridge replacement – No action taken

Traffic Calming – Called ABC-lers for quote on line painting & traffic calming estimate – awaiting response.

Replacement of the Noble Proctor Bench is still in process.

There was discussion regarding new signage at entrances to Supply Ponds.

Queach:

Hardened steel bar has been welded to posts. Chain link fence at northern end of property has been taken down. Material to be removed.

New gate has been installed at Queach/Vigliotti Property line.

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

The gate on Hilltop Drive has been installed and completed.

Boulder placement along Hilltop Drive has started. Boulders have been delivered.

North Branford Land Trust to install additional boulders on Meadow Brook entrance.

George Bartlett will install a gate at culvert over Pisgah Brook (bottom of Laurel Hill Rd).

There was discussion regarding placement of kiosks at Lantern View Dr and Northford Road parking area.

BEACON HILL:

Sheet metal & remaining garbage needs to be removed.

Placement of additional boulder at entrance was recommended.

There have been complaints of dirt bike activity coming from Dominican Road.

There was discussion regarding possible improvements to the area: placement of a Kiosk, new Signage, and refurbishment of the parking area.

KACZYNSKI:

Criscuolo Engineering will provide an estimate to pin the northern property line.

John Haug will remove Autumn Olive stumps.

There was discussion of mowing the fields, and possible placement of a small kiosk.

QUARRY:

Re-Blazing of trails has been completed.

SCRCOG has completed Quarry map update.

Awaiting response from Boy Scout regarding kiosk.

Kiosks are needed at Quarry Parking area and at Van Wie Pond.

2021-2022 BUDGET SUBMISSION:

Regular budget has been approved with 2% salary increase.

Special Capital Budget request has been granted for \$40,300.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A special thanks to Joe Blumberg and Connie Drysdale for their many years of service on the Board.

Introduction to Amy Bartels and Wendy Burton, prospective new Board members.

Purchase of POSA T-shirts for Board members was discussed.

The next Parks & Open Space meeting will be on July 7, 2021 at 5:45 PM at the Community House.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes recorded by Ainsley Highman