

TOWN OF BRANFORD
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
JULY 6, 2022 MEETING MINUTES
MEETING WAS HELD AT SUPPLY PONDS MEADOW

Present: Judy Miller, Wendy Chapman, Don Kacenski, Wes Beeman, Amy Bartels, and Ainsley Highman.

Judy Miller opened the meeting at 6:00

WARDENS REPORT: Don Kacenski

General report:

- At the Quench property, bottom of Laurel Hill Rd by the brook, the gate lock had been cut. Don purchased new stronger locks and chains.
- The brush cutter is out of service, new blades to arrive soon.
- At Beacon Hill, the unauthorized camping site has been cleared away by the Game warden at DEEP. Don removed all trash from the site.
- Don now has a police radio for emergencies while out in our Open spaces.
- Kiosk repairs – P.O. Issued

SUPPLY PONDS:

-Pine Gutter Brook

- P.O.'s issued for Sed Pond excavation, regrade of Green & Yellow Trails, remove tree at Scott's Bench. - no action yet.
- Bridge replacement – Budget approved. Contractors set. Need to check w/ Engineering & Building Department. Est. time for Pole delivery 12–16 weeks after order received (Oct/Nov). - no action yet.

Erosion Control- Richard met w/ Witkowski, IWC, & Matt Davison, Certified Professional in Erosion & Sediment Control". Matt will review study, walk the brook, & provide initial report GRATIS!

- Supply Pond Meadow – Don will cut fallen trees and brush around the perimeter after the meadow is mowed so brush can be removed. Will meet with DEEP forester regarding potential rehab of meadow.
- Peninsula Kiosk – Done
- Pond treatment. DEEP finally issued permit with a requirement that a study be done after the first treatment to ensure no impact on Alewives population. P.O. to conduct study for \$500 has been issued. First treatment to be done mid July.
- Requested estimate to touch up parking lot lines in Supply Ponds.

QUEACH PROPERTY:

New locks and chains to arrive soon to repair vandalized gate.

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Richard and John met with Jim Boyd. Jim will bring in boulders to the Laurel hill area where ATV's tend to come in. Jim also plans to use some of the soil from the meadow for use in some trail improvements. Boulder placement and trail regrade past DeLeo field to start very soon.

BEACON HILL:

Illegal camping material and trash have been removed.

Amy will reach out to Rebeka Vineyard to get more information regarding the possible use of her goats grazing around the trails.

QUARRY:

- The quarry land survey was completed and a copy was sent to Branford Land Trust.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE:

- Trail boardwalk construction:

- Discussions with Land Trust to help construct boardwalks on Blue Trail in upper Queach and on Green Trail off Hilltop Rd. POA supplies material, BLT provides labor. Exploring using fiberglass grating instead of wood.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Branford Trail was approved by the Board of Selectman on 7/6/22. Needing approval now from the Greenway trail counsel.

- Parks & Open Space Facebook page – Continues to grow with followers and new postings.

- Brushy Plain RWA Property – No Report

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Kaczynski property – Helen Road