

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority

Minutes of August 4, 2021

Attending: Richard Shanahan, Chair; Amy Bartels, Wes Beeman, Judy Miller, John Tolbert, Don Kacenski and Diana McCarthy-Bercury

The meeting began at 5:45 at Branford Community House

Wardens Report: Don Kacenski

Don removed chainlink fence at Queach and took to transfer station.

Remove several downed trees at Supply Pond

Diana to see if she can get any info regarding obtaining a Police radio for Don.

Supply Ponds:

Permitting process started for treatment of Supply Ponds. The treatment of Supply Ponds to remove aquatic vegetation will start in 2022.

5 Hannah Drive encroachment. Diana will send an email to Bill Aniskovich for help resolving the encroachment at Hannah Drive.

Erosion and sedimentation behind Ferndale & Island View Condos – On IWC agenda for August. Richard will email a statement from POSA regarding the erosion and sediment behind Ferndale for IWC's next meeting.

Dredging of Sed Pond needs to be done again, it's been 4 years since last dredging. Richard will check with Jim Boyd.

Pine Gutter Brook bridge replacement. No action taken.

Parking Lot Line Painting and Traffic Calming – Still trying to obtain estimates

Noble Proctor Bench is completed. Need transportation from Stony Creek Quarry to Supply Pond. Diana to email and see if the Fire Department can help transfer the bench.

Supply Pond Meadow. Discussion about creating pollinator pathway. Removal of encroaching trees & shrubs. Additional parking - no action taken. Will discuss more during the Sept.8th meeting.

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN:

Boulders have been delivered for northern entrance, Eppes, Queach, & Vigliotti. Jim Boyd is in the process of placing those in the proper place.

Waiting for gate installation at culvert over Pisgah Brook (bottom of Laurel Hill) and Green Trail past DeLeo field at Pisgah Brook footbridge.

Laurel Hill Road Kiosk 99% completed. Northford Road kiosk under construction.

BEACON HILL:

Land Trust will remove sheet metal & remaining garbage in fall.

Dirt bike entrance via Dominican Road.

Land Trust did trail maintenance from Dominican Road to summit.

KACZYNSKI:

Criscuolo to provide estimate to pin the northern property line. Possible encroachment?
No reply.

John Haug removed Autumn Olive stumps. Future stumps will need bulldozer.

Brandon Bozzano is mowing fields for hay.

QUARRY:

Graffiti painted over. Some work needed towards Red Hill Road

Purchase order issued for kiosk at Quarry parking area and Van Wie Pond.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Supply Pond will be needing more trail maps and doggie poo bags by the end of the year.

NEXT MEETING:

September 8, 2021 at 5:45 PM at Supply Ponds, at Meadow parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm. Minutes recorded by Amy Bartels.