

TOWN OF BRANFORD
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING MINUTES
MEETING WAS HELD AT BRANFORD COMMUNITY HOUSE

Chair Rich Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:00 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, John Tolbert, Wendy Chapman, Wes Beeman, Amy Bartels, and Ainsley Highman. Special guests Jonathan and Michael Loffredo, Boy Scout troop 633

WARDENS REPORT: DON KACENSKI

No Report

SUPPLY PONDS:

Pine Gutter Brook

- Pole's for bridge construction have all been delivered and construction should begin in November
- Erosion Control – Stream survey with Matt Davidson planned for November/December

- Parking Lines have been painted and completed

QUEACH PROPERTY:

Jonathan Loffredo presented a presentation for a Bird walk, along side the DeLeo Field. POSA board members had no objections for the project to proceed as presented.

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Hilltop Drive/Green Trail Boardwalk. Application submitted to IWC, waiting for approval.
- Boulders needed for reinforcement to keep ATV's out: Hilltop Drive (Entrance & Green Trail), Laurel Hill & Blue Trail, Eppes property at bridge. Waiting for estimate.
- John Tolbert cut multiple downed trees at Knockers hole, Laurel Hill/Queach connector

BEACON HILL:

- P.O.'s issued for rehab of parking area and the entire main trail. PO issued to cut brush along entire stretch of main trail. TBD when work can begin.
- waiting for estimate for Installation of informational kiosk & New "Welcome to the Beacon Hill Preserve" sign.

QUARRY:

- Requested estimate for "Welcome to the Branford Quarry" sign.
- New spray paint Vandalism on Granite wall was corrected as best as possible by Wes.

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

- Entire field has been cut

- P.O issued for survey and boundary markings of northern property line.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE:

- boardwalk on Green trail past meadow TBD

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Land Trust work party – Red Hill Road - 11/12/22 @ 9:00am
- Branford Trail – Board approved P.O. for white circle blazes for trail system.
- Parks & Open Space Facebook page – Continues to grow with over 300 friends
- Brushy Plain RWA Property – No Report
- Updating of trail maps by SCRCOG are on hold.

- Potential projects for 2023–2024 budget:
 - Construct pole bridge below dam
 - Review Parking area off Short Rocks Road
 - Continued treatment of ponds
 - Pine Gutter Brook erosion control
 - Rehab Blue Trail – Parking to posts
- Quarry:
 - Rehab of Quarry parking lot
 - Rehab of Green Trail from Parking lot to Branford Trail Jct.
 - Improve/widen parking area at end of Red Hill Road
- Farm River Meadows Preserve
 - Gravel driveway & parking area.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Branford Community Center.