

**Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
Minutes, Special Meeting of 12/1/2021**

Attending: Richard Shanahan, Chair, Amy Bartels, Wendy Burton, Ainsley Highman, Judy Miller, John Tolbert; Don Kacenski, Warden.

The meeting began at 5:35 PM at Branford Community House.

Don will be getting a police radio as soon as one becomes available.

Town Attorney has contacted IWC regarding encroachment on to Supply Ponds property by Hannah Drive homeowner – no update.

P.D. has given permission for “SLOW – 25 MPH” to be painted on pavement at both SP entrances. Discussion as to whether we should request that speed limit be 20 MPH.

Mowing and brush removal at SP meadow expected in December.

BLT will conduct a trail maintenance work party at Beacon Hill December 11.

Kiosk has been installed at Quarry parking area. Kiosk for Van Wie pond still to be placed.

CT Greenways Council application for Greenway Status for the Around Branford Trail: more information is needed regarding the trail crossing private parcels.

POS Facebook page is up.

Signage is needed by entrances and/or on trails to inform users that e-bikes are prohibited.

The problem of erosion on various properties was discussed as to how to best address this problem. Boy Scouts will conduct a work party at Pine Gutter Brook on December 12 to place log jams as approved by IWC (representative from POS will supervise).

An estimate is pending for a plank walk at Branford Trail near Epps.

Boulders are needed on trail near DeLeo gate, culvert gate, and east of DeLeo near where trail crosses Pisgah Brook.

It was agreed to change back the monthly meeting dates to the first Wednesday of each month starting with the January 5th meeting. The starting time for the meetings will be changed to 6:00 pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00 PM at the Branford Community House.

Submitted by Ainsley Highman

