

**TOWN OF BRANFORD
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 7, 2022, 6:00 PM
Branford Community House**

Chair Rich Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:00 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, John Tolbert, Wendy Chapman, Wes Beeman, Ainsley Highman; Don Kacenski, Warden.

Wardens Report: JT has stepped up during Don's absence and has been doing a great job in clearing fallen trees on all POSA properties.

SUPPLY PONDS:

Pine Gutter Brook bridge construction has been completed.

Erosion control: Richard walked the length of the brook with Matt Davidson. The source of broken glass & china was located. Waiting for report. Discussed with IWC.

Rehab of the Green Trail from Meadow to Scotts bench has been completed.

Culverts have been replaced where the Blue Trail crossed Pisgah/Queach Brook.

QUEACH PROPERTY: No activity

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

Hilltop Drive/Green Trail Boardwalk: estimate has been received. Waiting for IWC approval on 12/8/22.

Eppes: P.O. has been issued for boulders reinforcement. Waiting for estimate for boardwalk on White Trail just west of Queach Brook.

Supplemental boulders are needed at Hilltop Drive, Laurel Hill & Blue Trail, behind DeLeo Field at bridge.

BEACON HILL:

Brush was cut along the entire stretch of main trail.

Rehab of parking area and main trail has been completed.

Waiting for kiosk estimate.

P.O. for Welcome sign has been issued.

An estimate for brush cutting along ridge trail has been requested.

QUARRY:

P.O. has been issued for Welcome sign

We removed paint from the granite wall near the parking lot.

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

The northern boundary has been marked and staked by Land Trust & Parks & Open Space. Major encroachments were identified.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: there was a discussion regarding the need for boardwalks on Green Trail past meadow at Supply Ponds, and at junction of Green Trail & Bfd Trail behind DeLeo Field

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Wendy has volunteered to be liaison with BLT at Todd's Hill Property

There continue to be many views of the Parks & Open Space Facebook page.

Branford Trail logo blazes have been ordered.

No new information regarding the Brushy Plain RWA Property.

No new information regarding SCRCOG map updates.

Potential projects for 2023–2024 fiscal year were discussed.

Next Meeting: The Board voted not to have a January meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2023 at the Branford Community Center

- Submitted by Ainsley Highman