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Parks and Open Space Authority  
Minutes, Meeting of 11/6/2019

Attending: Ainsley Highman, Chair; Greg Ciocci, Judy Miller, Richard Shanahan, John Tolbert; Don Kacenski, warden.

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Canoe Brook Center.

1. Warden's Report: Don continues to trim around trails and post signs. He has also cleared multiple blowdowns.
2. Pisgah Brook/Saltonstall Mountain: ongoing severe damage from ATV use continues. Jake Sturrock will be making 2 kiosks, 1 can be used at Laurel Hill Rd
3. Supply Ponds: no progress on Pine Gutter Brook bridge. Regarding erosion controls, Ainsley walked PGB with Jim MacBroom, engineer and will submit a new proposal to IWC at the November meeting.

Rich is working on trail maps to include red and white SP trails.

The plank bridge over Queach Brook (yellow trail) is in need of repair. A quote has been received, contractor has provided more details and will be submitting a quote. There is a possibility that materials will be donated by a local business.

Hunter Daros, scout proposes to place several Wood Duck boxes at SP. Approved by POS.

4. Beacon Hill: Judy Miller is attempting to contact Nick Fisher regarding Pent Rd trail and parking lot maintenance.
5. Quarry/Medlyn: placing fresh crushed rock at Quarry parking lot should be considered. In addition there is a large section near the beginning of the trail from the parking lot which often retains water and could be filled. Don will inquire at the Quarry about obtaining crushed rock.
6. Kaczynski: BLT has generously offered to help with invasive plant control at Kaczynski meadow.
7. Queach: Contents of kiosk are still pending. There is an eroded area on the steep initial portion of the Queach trail which might benefit from some type of repair. Decision still pending as to whether any repair is needed.
8. Bob Baker completed installation of steps at the Red Trail trailhead at Chestnut St. Work is acceptable.
9. Existing trails not currently on our mapped trail system were discussed. It was the consensus that trails not officially part of our trail system would not be blazed or mapped but not be closed. Additional blazes will be placed where needed to help keep walkers on marked trails. Don will monitor for overuse of unauthorized trails which might prompt active closing of the trails. Rich expressed the minority view that unapproved trails should be blocked with limbs, brush, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes recorded by Ainsley Highman