

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority

Minutes of February 1, 2023

Attending: Richard Shanahan, Chair; Amy Bartels, Judy Miller, John Tolbert, Ainsley Highman and Wendy Burton

WARDENS REPORT: Don Kacenski - No new update

SUPPLY PONDS:

- Sed pond outlet pipe is clogged, will look for help to clear
- Pine Gutter Brook
 - Finance Committee – Funding has been approved
 - IWC – Presented proposal. Follow-up meeting 2/9/23

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- No activity

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Hilltop Drive/Green Trail Boardwalk. Looking for work to begin in March
- Eppes - Boardwalk materials transported, ready for build.
 - Few downed trees need to be cut and removed.
- Supplemental boulders needed at Hilltop Drive, Laurel Hill & Blue Trail, behind DeLeo Field @ bridge, Lantern View.

BEACON HILL:

- Brush cut along entire summit on Branford Trail as well as possible additional areas along the trail to be cut/cleared.
- Waiting for kiosk estimate.
- Welcome to Beacon Hill sign ready to install. Waiting for anti-graffiti paint.
- Waiting on estimate for gate blocking main trail.

QUARRY:

- Welcome to Branford Quarry sign ready to install. Waiting for anti-graffiti paint.
- Requesting estimate to regrade Green Trail from parking area to jct. w/ Branford Trail.

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

- Waiting for estimate for gate at parking area.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE:

- Boardwalk on Green Trail past meadow – Need contractor.
- Boardwalk @ jct. of Green Trail & Bfd Trail behind DeLeo Field – Requested estimate.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Parks & Open Space Facebook page - continues to grow with likes and views
- Land Trust work parties – Hillside Park – 23 Hillside Ave., Saturday, 2/18/23, 9:00am - noon and Pisgah Brook/Knockers Hole - Saturday 3/18/23, 9:00am - noon
- SCRCOG map updates - On hold.
- Board discussed projects for 2023–2024 fiscal year

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Branford Community Center.