

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

**MEETING AGENDA
August 3, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

OUTDOOR MEETING – KACZYNSKI PROPERTY

8 – 46 HELEN ROAD

or

Branford Community House in case of bad weather

WARDENS REPORT: Don Kacenski

- General report
- Kiosk repairs – P.O. Issued

SUPPLY PONDS:

- Pine Gutter Brook
 - P.O.'s issued for Sed Pond excavation, regrade of Green & Yellow Trails, remove tree at Scott's Bench.
 - Bridge replacement – Budget approved. Contractors set. Engineering ok with plan. Submitting application to IWC meeting on 8/11/22. Est. time for Pole delivery 12–16 weeks after order received (Oct/Nov). Order poles now? - Discussion
 - Erosion Control - Need to follow up with Matt Davidson to walk the brook and determine the next step.
- Supply Pond Meadow – Cut fallen trees & clear around perimeter. Will meet with DEEP forester regarding potential rehab of meadow.
- Pond treatment. Second treatment scheduled for 8/4/22. DEEP fish study to be done afterwards.
- Estimate received to touch up parking lot lines in Supply Ponds. Discussion as to when.
- Develop parking area at fish-way access off Short Rocks Road? Neighbors want access to launch kayaks. Discussion.
- Construct replacement footbridge across Pisgah Brook below the dam? Discussion regarding need, cost, accessibility, desirability?

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- No report

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Boulder placement and trail regrade past DeLeo field completed.
- Create a DeLeo Loop Trail? Discussion.

BEACON HILL:

- Update on Goat Lady?
- BLT work party cut back brush along main trail. Installed fiberglass boardwalk near trolley track crossing as experiment. See Trail Maintenance below.
- Discussion of kiosks, signage, parking lot and trail improvements.

QUARRY:

- No report

KACZYNSKI:

- Discussion of invasives. Plans to control. Expansion of haying operations by Brandon Bozzano.
- Construct new gravel drive and parking area – Discussion.
- Need for survey of northern property line?
- Development plans of St. Elizabeth Church and adjoining monastery property.

(https://www.branfordseven.com/business/proposal-shows-st-elizabeths-church-site-becoming-residential-development/article_aaf87d16-4cb4-11e9-ba21-0fecb473b360.html).

- Discussion of neighboring properties.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: - Fiberglass grating?

- Trail boardwalk construction:
 - Discussions with Land Trust to help construct boardwalks on Blue Trail in upper Queach and on Green Trail off Hilltop Rd. POA supplies material, BLT provides labor. Exploring using fiberglass grating instead of wood. Sample grating placed on main trail at Beacon Hill.
- Discuss hiring professional trail crews for annual trail clearing maintenance cutting back encroaching brush and invasives from trails in select locations. (“All Habitat”)

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Branford Trail – Status update.
- Parks & Open Space Facebook page – Status update.
- Brushy Plain RWA Property – No Report

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Location? **Need volunteer to run meeting.**