

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
Minutes, Meeting of 7/1/20.

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

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SEALY, DIRECTOR

The meeting began at 7:00 PM at the Pisgah Brook Preserve, 156 Laurel Hill Rd (Great Hill Rd).

1. Warden's Report: busy with brush clearing
2. Pisgah Brook/Saltonstall Mountain: damage from ATV use continues.

Jake Sturrock will be making a kiosk for Great Hill Rd (by new parking lot), off Laurel Hill Rd

Work is underway on the new parking lot at DeLeo meadow, Laurel Hill Rd. Completion expected within a few weeks.

3. Supply Ponds: completion of Pine Gutter Brook erosion project (approved by IWC) by scouts – delayed due to COVID-19. Scout Daros has been in touch, still waiting to set date.

We continue to see increased use of Supply Ponds/Pisgah trails by walkers, attributed to new blazes and maps and to more outdoor activity during the COVID – 19 pandemic.

Repair of the plank bridge over Queach Brook (yellow trail) has been completed and all specifications met. Branford Building Supply donated all materials.

Two new signs have been posted: one informing walkers of the new Laurel Hill Rd parking area, and another stating "Dog walkers must carry a leash and keep dogs under control at all times".

It was agreed that Rich and/or Don will post "not a trail" signs at beginning of unauthorized "rogue" trails.

4. Beacon Hill: awaiting proposal from Nick Fisher for maintenance/repair of Pent Rd trail and parking lot. A deer stand has been found near the preserve but is on private property.
5. Quarry/Medlyn: the Quarry parking lot and a large section near the beginning of the trail from the parking lot, which often retains water, need crushed rock placed. Don will ask Rick, Branford Quarry manager, about obtaining crushed rock.

6. Kaczynski: no new issues

Members of the Authority inspected the new parking lot as part of our meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes recorded by Ainsley Highman