

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes
DeLeo Field Parking Lot

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Chair Rich Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:00 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Chapman, Don Kacenski, Wes Beeman, Amy Bartels, John Tolbert, Judy Miller and Ainsley Highman.

WARDENS REPORT: Matt has been clearing, widening and improving many of the trails throughout Beacon Hill and other areas.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- John will setup a Petition for additional speed humps
- Cutting of dead or dying trees will begin on Monday June 12
- P.O. issued for stocking of bass and catfish, waiting for fish to arrive.
- Pond treatment expected at end of June

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- Consultation with DEEP Forester – Conservation Commission on how to manage invasive plants

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- Hilltop Drive/Green Trail Boardwalk 95% completed
- Boardwalk behind DeLeo at Green Trail & Branford Trail has been built. Estimating installation in a few weeks
- Dirt bikes & ATV's coming in from Lantern View, Summit Dr, Linsley Lake Rd. - Waiting for estimate and placement of supplemental boulders at several locations
- Extensive tree cutting on Saltonstall ridge. New Illegal trails being established, will look into perhaps using dropped trees to block unauthorized trails.

BEACON HILL:

- Gates are built, waiting for installation.

QUARRY:

- Two "Area Closed at Sunset" signs at parking area have been installed

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

- Waiting for gate installation.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Updating trail maps for Supply Ponds and Beacon Hill with Right-Click Maps, LLC will be completed soon.
- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 450 followers.
- Judy Miller, after many years of volunteer service on the Board, announced this will be her last meeting. She will be stepping down at the end of the fiscal year. Judy has been a very active member and a strong proponent for the preservation of open space. Her participation will be missed.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm, at Red Hill parking area (End of Red Hill Rd)