

TOWN OF BRANFORD
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes August 3, 2022

REMOTE MEETING HELD AT KACZYNSKI PROPERTY

Present: Board members Richard Shanahan, Wes Beeman, John Tolbert, Don Kacenski, Ainsley Highman, and Judy Miller.
Guest: Matt Reed – Branford Land Trust

WARDENS REPORT:

- Kiosk repairs completed

SUPPLY PONDS:

- 2nd Pond treatment scheduled for 8/4/22. Fish study to follow.
- Purchase Order issued to repaint the parking area lines. Scheduled for September.
- Board agreed to allow neighbors to place wood chips at access area near fish ladder entry on Short Rocks Road.
- Discussion held about replacing the pole bridge across Pisgah Brook below the dam.

Pine Gutter Brook-

- Purchase order about to be submitted for pole delivery. Still a 3 to 4 month delivery estimate.
- Received plan & estimate for construction of bridge platform. Plan approved by Town Engineer.
- Submitting application to IWC meeting on 8/11/22 for wetlands approval.

BEACON HILL:

- Land Trust did maintenance along main trail from Pent Road to trolley tracks.
- Land Trust installed trial fiberglass walkway at wet area near trolley tracks.
- POSA planning to rehab parking lot and main trail, install informational kiosk and replace sign.

KACZYNSKI PROPERTY:

- The following potential improvements to the property were discussed:
 - Replacing the existing dirt drive and parking area with gravel. This idea was met with some disagreement and requires further discussion.
 - Placement of boulders and a gate to prevent off road vehicle access to the property.
 - Constructing a small informational kiosk and erecting a "Welcome to" sign.
 - Having the northern boundary of the property surveyed and marked.
 - It was agreed to allow Brandon Bozzano, a local farmer on Rose Hill Road, to continue to mow the western and southern fields for hay. In return, Brandon will continue to mow all the fields to control the spread of invasive plants. Brandon will also provide an estimate to further cut back and remove the invasive plants growing on the perimeters of all the fields.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- No report on status of application for Greenway status of the Branford Trail.
- Discussion about hiring professional trail crews for annual trail maintenance projects.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 after walking tour of the Kaczynski property.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Branford Quarry at the main parking area off Quarry Road.