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Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
Minutes, Meeting of 1/6/2021
ZOOM (virtual) meeting

BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Attending by Zoom: Richard Shanahan, Chair; Connie Drysdale, Ainsley Highman, Judy Miller, John Tolbert.

The meeting began at 5:45 PM

- 1. Warden's Report (per Tolbert): JT and Don worked on clearing trail at Supply Ponds going from Green/Blue/Yellow trail up slope below power lines.
- 2. Pisgah Brook/Saltonstall Mountain: damage from ATV use continues. A proposal for repositioning large stone blocks on trail from Northford Rd (near Queach Brook) is pending. Awaiting letter from town to Mrs Epps. Waiting for word from contractor regarding gate at end of Queach Rd.
- 3. Supply Ponds: completion of Pine Gutter Brook erosion project (approved by IWC) by scouts delayed due to COVID-19.

Supply Ponds continues to see heavy use by walkers.

- J. Boyd will complete project creating additional parking along Short Rocks Rd this month.
- \$900. was approved for redoing steps at bridge over sed pond outlet.

\$2100. was approved for rebuilding bridge over peninsula canal.

Replacement of Noble Proctor memorial bench will be explored.

There has been significant encroachment near the Red Trail behind Hannah Drive. The First Selectman will be consulted regarding how to proceed.

- 4. Beacon Hill: seeking proposal for maintenance/repair of Pent Rd trail and parking lot. Judy will inspect current condition of gate.
- 5. Quarry/Medlyn: scout Mike Dalton has proposed building a kiosk at Quarry parking lot.
- 6. Kaczynski: no new issues
- 7. Rich is exploring the possibility of having the Branford Trail designated a Greenway Trail by the CT Greenway Council.
- 8. Rich will be meeting with Lisa Mahoney from NEMBA regarding their organization doing work parties or offering other assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes recorded by Ainsley Highman