

**Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
October 2, 2024, Meeting Minutes
Branford Community Center**

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Chair Richard Shanahan opened the meeting at 6:00pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Matt Reed, John Tolbert, Ainsley Highman and Leslie Bernardini, Wendy Burton, Amy Bartels, Wesley Beaman

WARDENS REPORT: Matt Reed discussed the boy scout projects, he removed the fire ring at Beacon Hill. He discussed getting various equipment from Don. He has been tree and brush cutting various properties.

John Tolbert has been performing routing trail maintenance of trimming and brush cutting as needed.

Don Kacenski will not be coming back. A plaque will be given to him for his years of service.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- The use by the High School Track team and cutting of the meadow was discussed. There was more Cutting done than the commission would prefer.
- JT Tolbert will attend and speak at the Police Commissioners Meeting on Oct. 14th regarding the Speed humps and overall ways to slow down traffic and make the preserve safer for pedestrians
- A Boy Scout Trail Project was presented by David. He will oversee the project to clear a trail Off Short Rocks Road that will connect to the Pole Bridge and put steps in the steep bank. Matt will be working with him. The commission approved this project.
- A potential Boy Scout Boardwalk project was discussed – putting boardwalks over wet areas.

QUEACH, PISGAH BROOK, SALTONSTALL:

- Additional boulders were installed at Eppes.
- The purple trail needs to be re – blazed. We had a discussion regarding missing blazes.

BEACON HILL:

- Matt Reed has dismantled the fire ring

FARM RIVER MEADOW:

- Helen Road work was discussed, and is pending

BRANFORD QUARRY:

- Boardwalk at end of Red Hill Road is pending. Matt discussed using existing milled boards and will be working on this project.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- We discussed the Conservation Commission project – Forestry Plans for the Beacon Hill, Red Rock Road and Hillside Avenue properties.
- Open Space Facebook page continues to grow with 626 followers.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:00pm at Branford Community Center
The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm