

Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Branford Community Center

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Chairman Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:07 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Burton, Wes Beeman, Leslie Bernardini and Matt Reed.

WARDENS REPORT: Matt Reed removed a beaver dam in upper Queach, and we discussed moving rocks to prevent ATV access. He has taken down several large trees. We discussed the possible purchase of a brush cutting machine. Matt discussed his oversight of the Boy Scout projects.

The Boy Scout Trail Project is waiting to be started by David.

The Boy Scout Boardwalk Project - Gavin Smiarowski presented his Eagle Scout Project of building six sections of boardwalks at Supply Ponds. We approved this project and he expects to begin in late November/early December.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- The two additional speed bumps are being installed on Short Rocks Road
- We discussed the new trail and grading on each side of the pole bridge

QUEACH PROPERTY:

- We discussed the vandalism of blazes and are considering re blazing the Blue and Purple trails
- We discussed the placement of boardwalks

PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- We discussed some recent vandalism on Saltonstall Mountain and placement of rocks at DeLeo Field

BEACON HILL:

QUARRY:

FARM RIVER MEADOW PRESERVE:

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- The Open Space Facebook page continues to grow, 626 followers
- Parking Lot Line Painting will be done in the spring
- We discussed the need for and placement of Fiberglass Boardwalks

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm. at the Branford Community Center

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.