

**Town of Branford
Parks and Open Space Authority
December 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Branford Community Center 46 Church Street**

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Wendy Burton
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Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:00 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, Wendy Burton, Wes Beeman, John Tolbert, Matt Reed, Ainsley Highman, Gregory Cox.

WARDENS REPORT: John Tolbert said he has been doing routine trail maintenance and took down A large leaning tree on the Supply Ponds Peninsula. Matt Reed has been doing various trail maintenance and overseeing the two Boy Scout Eagle Scout projects. He discussed getting prices for a walk behind brush Cutter.

The Boy Scout Boardwalk Project – Gavin Smiarowski is waiting for Scout Approval.

The Boy Scout Trail Project – Matt worked with Boy Scout David Reagan and completed the steps on the Short Rocks Road side of the Pole Bridge. They also flagged the proposed trail and will be working on it soon.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- We discussed establishing/rerouting a trail on the Chestnut Street side of the Pole Bridge extending to The Peninsula
- We discussed the paving of the main parking lot. Ainsley Highman offered to get quotes.
- We discussed replacing the garbage receptacle with a new one
- We had a discussion about the possibility of rehabbing the main trail due to erosion

QUEACH PROPERTY, PISGAH BROOK & SALTONSTALL MTN.:

- We talked about a potential Trail entrance on Red Rocks Road

BEACON HILL:

QUARRY:

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Open Space Facebook page has 628 followers. We discussed the most recent postings
- There is a Branford Land Trust New Year's Day at the Queach Property and volunteers are needed
- We reviewed the 2025 Meeting Schedule and summer locations
- A potential new Board Member was introduced and was present for the meeting
- We reviewed all of our Term Limits.

Meeting was adjourned 7:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 8, at 6:00 pm. at Branford Community Center 46 Church Street