

**Pequot Woods Board of Trustees
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2010**

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Present:

Brae Rafferty, Niel Spillane, Charles Kroll, Mayor James Streeter, Chad Jones,
John Silsby

1. Approval of last minutes of the Meeting of October 17, 2004

2. Report given by the Parks Department concerning past years maintenance.

John Silsby reported on the general trail cleaning of fallen limbs, the taking down tall dead trees near the trail, mowing- especially the clearing, cleaning up the parking area, keeping the Route 1 trail head open, and repairing the stone bridge. He also mentioned that the beavers were still active at the pond.

3. New business

Memberships – It was discussed that the present Board members should be assigned a month each year to walk the woods. B. Rafferty was assigned December/ January. Chan Jones and Jim Streeter were springtime, and others could walk in the fall or summer. (Both Charles Kroll and Niel Spillane are not on the walking list due to health issues. By instituting the Board members walk, they will have an opportunity to see Pequot Woods other than at the annual meeting.

Brief discussions were made concerning dogs and horses on the trails. Some felt that if there is not a problem at this time with their usage, and additional regulations are not needed at this time. This discussion should be revisited at future annual meetings.

A walk was taken around the loop trail. At the pond's dam, it was noted that the water bypass flow pipes were not functional. It was requested of the Parks Dept. to contact the group who maintains the water flow pipes to come in and clean and repair where needed. The high water levels at the pond at the time of the meeting were causing water to flow out of the pond at new exit sites instead of the dam area. The high water also covered parts of the trail near the pond.

At the backside of the loop trail it was also noted further trail erosion has occurred due to the extensive rains in late March 2010. The board members concurred that the installation of water bars at different areas along the steep portion of the trail.

Following the Boards walk around the loop trail, the Board members conveyed to John Silsby their appreciation for the Town's time and efforts to keep Pequot Woods an attractive open space destination for all to enjoy.