

Conservation Commission
City of Danbury
January 25, 2010
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room 2C
Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray - Chairwoman, Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Shaun McColgan - Secretary, Bill Montgomery, Nelle Tresselt, Pat Weiner, and Kim Botelho-Commissioners.

Absent / Excused:

Guests: Rich Hale, and the “Friends of the Old Quarry Nature Center” board- Gio Ognio, Per Larson, Tom Worden, and David Gropper.

Introductions were done by all present.

Item: **Approval of Dec. 21, 2009 meeting minutes** – Motion to approve – Ed, 2nd - Kim, vote – approved by all.

Reports:

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC):

There was a joint discussion between the two boards about long and short term goals for OQNC. Both groups also had hand-outs for all present. The Conservation Commission was informed that the Friends of OQNC hold their board meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 78 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury.

There is a clean up day scheduled at OQNC on March 3rd.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR):

Lin and Kim met last week with the new Warden at the FCI (federal prison). They discussed, among other things, setting up signage, etc., to keep our respective groups on our respective properties.

Still River Greenway (SRG):

Nelle commented that the last meeting of the SRG Alliance was canceled and a new meeting scheduled. There was nothing else to report.

Old Business:

Key Initiatives:

BMR and SRG mowing: An RFQ (Request for Quote) for the mowing at SRG will be going out soon. Lin may request to move funds from the BMR Reserve fund to be used for mowing at BMR and SRG.

BMR meadow management: The bird blind has been installed as the last part of the Eagle Scout project.

Budget management: nothing new to report..

Commission development: nothing new to report.

Mill Plain Swamp: nothing new to report.

OQNC: see Reports section of minutes.

SRG expansion: nothing new to report.

Added layer of protection for major parks: Bill, Lin, Nelle, and Pat attended the Jan. 5th ad-hoc committee meeting of the Common Council addressing this issue.

New Business:

Discussion of FCI assistance at BMR:

Lin discussed having better perimeters between BMR property and FCI property, which was part of the discussion held with the new warden for FCI at last week's meeting.

Ed made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary.

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