

# Conservation Commission

City of Danbury

February 22, 2010

7:00PM

City Hall-Room 2C

Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at 7:00PM.

*Members present:* Lin Murray-Chairperson, Ed Prybylski-Vice Chairperson, Kim Botelho-Acting Secretary, Bill Montgomery. Guests included Gio Ogno and Peter Johnson representing the Old Quarry Nature Center and Katy- - from The Mercurial .

*Excused/Absent:* Shaun McColgan-Secretary, Nelle Tressault, and Patricia Weiner.

*Item:* Approval of January 25, 2010 meeting minutes Ed, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved by all.

## Reports:

**Old Quarry Nature Center:** Ed, Nelle and Pat

General consensus that trail maintenance has to be done come Spring/better weather.

Gio has reported that two schools are interested in coming to OQNC for field trips:

March 3-Cheshire School

April ?-Ridgefield School

-Also plans on clearing out Quarry 1 so as to observe the rock formations more...plans on doing this by hand and took note that no electric or gas powered tools or devices are to be used.

-Mentioned plans to include OQNC in events on National Trails Day June 5, 2010, Walktober, Earth day, and a possible show that NBC television station may be interested in doing at this location.

-With Starbuck's and other volunteers mentioned we (CC) would like to get the field house open -mainly the windows both outside and in and in operating condition.

-acknowledged donation of rocks by parks department.

-mentioned maps of OQNC are in field house on shelves to the right of the entrance.

**BMR:** Lin and Kim

Clearing of Upper Meadow has started.

Lin working on getting wood chips donated for the muddy parts of the trail.

Waiting on approval of partnership with the FCI.

Bird blind is up in Upper Meadow.

**SRG:** Nelle and Pat

Still planning on Summer reintroduction celebration .

Nothing new to report at this time.

## **Old Business:**

BMR mowing expenses covered until July 2010.

SRG only has \$500 left in mowing budget-Lin working on reallocating some funds to cover all the mowing.

OQNC has City of Danbury mowing that area twice a year and that is sufficient.

Mill Plain Swamp -Lin working on getting birdhouses from DEP for this location.

Added Layer of Protection-Letters have been written and sent out by Bill Montgomery -he will follow up and monitor this course of action.

## **New Business:**

New timetables for the Port-o-Johns are May 15 through September 15.

Peter Johnson brought to the commissions' attention a Starbuck's volunteer service - Make Your Mark- that can possibly generate up to \$1000 in funds that may be donated to OQNC.

Ed made motion to adjourn, Kim -2<sup>nd</sup> and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.

**Next meeting:** March 15, 2010 at 7:00PM, Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Kim Botelho.