

Conservation Commission
City of Danbury
May 17, 2010
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room 2C
Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:12 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray - Chairwoman, Shaun McColgan - Secretary, Bill Montgomery, Nelle Tresselt, and Pat Weiner -Commissioners.

Absent / Excused: Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Kim Botelho – Commissioner.

Guests: David Gropper, Tom Worden.

Introductions were done by all present.

Item: **Approval of April 19, 2010 meeting minutes** – Motion to approve – Bill, 2nd - Pat, vote – approved by all.

Reports:

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): Lin, Tom and Dave from Friends of OQNC.

Lin reports that the city will take care of the culvert problem. Tom reported that trails were marked during the cleanup on April 22nd. Lin requested that the refrigerator at OQNC be disconnected to help with the electric bill and Tom agreed. There is a summer camp at Rogers Park put on by the Parks and Recreation Department. A bus would take children to the OQNC for hikes.

Motion- made by Bill. Move that the CC Chairperson appoint three total commission members and that they meet with three OQNC board members to negotiate the following:

-Several one and five year goals

- Operating procedures, defining what OQNC activities should have commission approval and what should not.

And that the resulting goals and procedures be reviewed and approved by the OQNC board and Conservation Commission. Motion seconded by Nelle. There was then discussion on the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Volunteers from the CC are Bill, Lin, and Pat. Volunteers from the OQNC board are David and Tom.

Still River Greenway (SRG): Nelle

Nelle announced that the Re-Opening Celebration is definitely planned and announced for Saturday, June 12th. Nelle did a group clean-up last Saturday at SRG. Pat recommended that we try having local businesses be responsible for defined areas of the SRG, similar to the Federal Highway program.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): Shaun

Shaun reported on a tree down in the reservation driveway, blocking the entrance gate completely, from a recent storm. The Forestry Department came up and removed it along with other damaged limbs on nearby trees. He further reported on the portable toilet

being delivered and he made a request to get a chain from Public Works to help keep the gates closed overnight.

Old Business / Key Initiatives:

Due to time constraints these areas were not reviewed at this meeting.

New Business:

SRG celebration on June 12th:

Discussed under Reports section of minutes.

Summer camp hikes at OQNC:

Discussed under Reports section of minutes.

Lee Farm:

There was discussion about what may or may not be happening to this property. A motion was made by Nelle as follows:

That the Conservation Commission investigate the status of the Lee Farm property and take an official stance about what we would like to see happen to the land.

Seconded by Pat, and approved unanimously.

Discussion of meeting for June 21st with the Lake Kenosia Authority:

Jack Kozuchowski has recommended that we meet next month with the Lake Kenosia Authority, Environmental Impact Commission, and Danbury Land Trust, all at the same time and place, so he can give a workshop on a project he is spearheading. The project is in conjunction with Western CT State University on stormwater pollutants. This meeting would be held in lieu of our regular meeting. Members agreed to this as long as we can meet if needed to for commission business too.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary.

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