

Conservation Commission  
City of Danbury  
June 21, 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, and Pat Weiner - Commissioners.

Absent / Excused: Kim Botelho – Commissioner.

Guests: none.

Item: **Approval of May 17, 2010 meeting minutes** – Motion to approve – Nelle, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Pat, vote – approved by all.

**Reports:**

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): Ed, Pat.

Ed reported that he is working on removing brush and mowing trails. There is a problem with the unlocked gates as it leads to occasional dumping on the property but there is not a way to lock the gates on a regular basis.

Pat stated she is setting up a meeting with the president of Western Ct. State University (WCSU) for the purpose of establishing a liaison between WCSU and OQNC.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): Shaun, Lin.

Some campers were seen in the park over the weekend but there is no overnight camping allowed without a permit from the Parks Department. Lin stated that the mowing has not been done yet by Joe Pacific and was scheduled to be done by 6/19. She is following up on it. He mowing contract is up at the end of June.

Shaun reported that chains have been delivered by the city to secure the gates overnight and the entrance gate and post has been repaired from the damage done when it was struck by a car.

Lin reported that the FCI mural should be ready shortly for the back of the trailhead sign.

Still River Greenway (SRG): Ed, Nelle, Lin, Pat.

Bill talked about the June 12<sup>th</sup> grand re-opening celebration. The event was also attended by Lin and Pat. Nelle was out of town and unable to attend. Everyone reported that the trails were in great shape. There was a recommendation to move the annual event at SRG to May to attain better attendance.

**Old Business / Key Initiatives:**

BMR and SRG Mowing: The contract for the mowing at SRG has been awarded for the coming year. Still awaiting word on who got the mowing contract for BMR.

Added layer of protection for major parks: Bob Yamin, Corporation Counsel for the city, called Bill about a possible committee meeting in June concerning this matter. Nothing further heard yet. Bill will follow-up.

There was nothing new to report on the remaining key initiatives.

**New Business:**

Summer camp hikes at OQNC: Lin and Ed would like to see the OQNC used for summer camping and hiking by the Boy and Girl Scouts and are looking into this.

Motion: There was a motion made by Ed and seconded by Nelle that the July and August meetings are dispensed with as the commission usually does, and we reconvene in September. Motion approved by all.

Motion to adjourn by Ed, seconded by Pat, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary.  
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