

**Conservation Commission**

**City of Danbury**

**November 15, 2010**

**7:00 p.m.**

**City Hall-Room 2C**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray-Chairperson, Ed Prybylski-Vice Chairperson, Kim Botelho-Acting Secretary, Nelle Tresselt and Bill Montgomery.

Excused/Absent-Shaun McColgan and Patricia Weiner

Guests-Jack Kozuchowski and Dr. Harry Rosvally of the Still River Alliance (SRA) and Gio Orno

**Item:** Approval of October 18, 2010 meeting minutes-motion to approve-Kim, Ed-2<sup>nd</sup>, vote approved by all.

**Reports:**

**Still River Greenway:** Jack gave a presentation on the background of the SRA. He also noted that he will advise them until 2012 as a consultant and help them set up and function effectively. The Conservation Commission (CC) will continue to fund the mowing at the Still River Greenway and be a link to facilitate certain expenditures -such as river cleanup. Dr. Rosvally discussed methods of appointing chair people, how long they will hold their term and how they will be promoted. Nelle mentioned that the group may have an interest in becoming inter-municipal and that she would be the "bridge" in between the SRA and CC.

**Old Quarry:** Ed has done a lot of work around the field house clearing the brush etc., finishing the culvert installation and maintaining the trails.

Lin and Gio reported that the alarm went off twice in the last month; the police were notified however nothing was broken or stolen and there was no sign of forced entry. Gio also mentioned a teacher from the Danbury School system called him to inquire about bringing her students to the Old Quarry and that he told her that he thought that was a bad idea and that she could not do so.

**Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR):** Lin reported that the meadows were mowed and looked exceptional, the majority of trails have been cleared of leaves and the history walk is almost complete. Possible winter items for the "I SPY" scavenger hunt were

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**Old Business/Key Initiatives:**

*BMR/SRG Mowing*-going along as planned and within budget

*Meadow management* –Kim (and Lin) will just clip young Autumn Olive trees that are encroaching and drag branches into piles with hopes that sometime soon we can get a wood chipper up in the vicinity to chip them up.

*Budget management*- nothing new to report at this time

*Commission development*- Patricia not present –nothing to report at this time

*Mill Plain Swamp*-nothing new to report at this time

*Old Quarry*-information covered in reports

*Added layer of protection for major parks*-Bill reported that the Ad Hoc Committee agreed to partial protection of open space at Tarrywile Park from their November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The proposed amendment was sent back because only one of the five major park properties was addressed and the committee was determined to address all five.

**New Business:**

*Lee Farm*-no discussion at this time

*Progress of open space bond issues*- no discussion at this time

*Other: SRA and the CC*- addressed in reports

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Next meeting:** December 20, 2010 at 7 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by Kim Botelho