

Conservation Commission

City of Danbury

Jan. 24, 2011

7:00 p.m.

City Hall-Room 2C

Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray-Chairperson, Ed Prybylski-Vice Chairman, Shaun McColgan-Secretary, Pat Weiner, Nelle Tresselt and Kim Botelho-Acting Secretary.

Item: Approval of December 20, 2010 meeting minutes-motion to approve-Ed, Kim 2nd, vote approved by all.

Reports:

Still River Greenway (SRG): Nelle

The annual cleanup is scheduled to start in Brookfield rather than Danbury as was last year. Nelle will look into why this is.

Through an email Jack Kozuchowski has defined the Still River Alliance (SRA) and the function of the Conservation Commission's (CC) role as it pertains to the SRG.

There is still some question as to who exactly is "The City of Danbury" and who has authorization over the SRG.

There may be some benefits to have the mowing performed by someone other than the CC.

Old Quarry (OQ): Ed

The field house is still standing after all the snow and the trails are being used as well.

There has been no contact with The Friends of Old Quarry in two months.

There have been several attempts to remove the websites pertaining to OQ as they are fraudulent in their information but as of this date they are still on place.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): Lin and Kim

There has been high use on the trails despite the heavy snow. A CT Trails Day event has been scheduled which will be a family orientated scavenger hunt.

Old Business/Key Initiatives:

BMR mowing- a RFQ has been asked to be sent out.

Meadow Mgt.-nothing new to report at this time

Budget Mgt.-The budget was completed and turned in. There can be a new line item added to make it possible to accept donations.

Commission Development- we are still in need of new members that would have to be either Republican or Independent.

*Mill Plain Swamp-*Lin mentioned a possible use for the old bird houses from BMR to be cleaned up and used at this location.

*OQ-*Information covered in Reports.

*Added Layer of Protection for Major Parks-*Nelle will find out when the Ad Hoc Committee will meet next and let us know.

New Business:

Lee Farm Property- The current state of affairs is dormant at this time.

*Progress of Open Space Bond Issue Properties-*nothing new to report at this time.

Other: SRA & the CC- information covered in Reports.

New Republican member needed for CC- Lin and Kim have some potential candidates.

Shaun made motion to adjourn, Ed 2nd and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting: February 28, 2011 at 7p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Kim Botelho