

Conservation Commission
City of Danbury
September 19, 2011
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room 2C
Meeting Minutes

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The meeting opened at approximately 7:08 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray - Chairwoman, Shaun McColgan – Secretary. Also present via phone conference- Kim Botelho, Greg Cascio – Commissioners.

Absent / Excused: Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Nelle Tresselt, and Brian Batterson – Commissioners.

Guests: none

Public speaking opportunity: No speakers.

Item: **Approval of June 20, 2011 meeting minutes** – Motion to approve – Greg, 2nd- Kim, vote – approved by all.

Reports:

Still River Greenway (SRG): Nelle was not present to report. Lin reported that the greenway is flooded and needs to be weeded.

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): Lin stated there is nothing new to report and there is still more work at OQNC that needs to be done

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): Lin reported that the volunteers who came to BMR on Thursday, 9/15, cleared the red trail of fallen trees. Kim's husband will clear more fallen trees this week. This is all the results of two major storms that passed through over the summer, Irene and Lee, and caused much damage. Shaun reported that the porta-potty is still in the parking lot. It was scheduled for removal on 9/15. Lin will follow up tomorrow to make sure we don't get charged for extra days like last year and to have the company remove it immediately.

Old Business / Key Initiatives:

BMR/SRG Mowing: The mowings were done at both locations in accordance with the contract.

Meadow management: The meadows at BMR are scheduled to be mowed in October or November.

Budget management: No issues or concerns at this time.

Old Quarry Nature Center: New trail markings were done by Lin and Kim.

New Business:

Eagle Scout project at BMR: Shaun and Lin met with Jeff Hoyt and his father, George, at BMR on Friday, 9/16. Jeff is going for Eagle Scout and would like to do his project at BMR. Several suggestions were offered (repair fencing, clear out barn foundation and

convert it to an outdoor nature center, etc.) and discussed. Jeff will go over everything and when he decides on a project he will present to the Commission for approval.

OQNC issues and progress: A box turtle was tagged by a DEEP (State Dept of Energy and Environmental Protection) Ranger. There is a possibility of the Ranger giving a talk at OQNC. Lin would like to ask Will Michael to be our new advisor at OQNC and to give him a key. A vote was taken and unanimously approved to ask Will to be the new advisor with key access. Lin will report back on Will's response.

Website update: Lin will follow-up with City Hall about our website. Some of the information appears to be incorrect or out of date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary.
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