



CITY OF DANBURY
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

Conservation Commission

February 24, 2014
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room 3B
Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray - Chairwoman, Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Shaun McColgan - Secretary, Ed Moore, Peter Jennings, and Kim Botelho - Commissioners. Elyse Jasensky, Jack Robbins – Alternates.

Absent/Excused: Brian Batterson, Rich Hale.

Guests: None

Item: Approval of minutes from January 27, 2014 meeting. Motion to approve by Jack, seconded by Ed M, and approved by all.

Public speaking: None.

Reports:

Still River Greenway (SRG): They are still looking for a member of the Conservation Commission to join the new SRG Commission. They should also soon start to have regularly scheduled meetings.

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): The sign at the entrance has been damaged, probably from snow plowing. The ongoing problem of digging continues, and in some cases the holes are over four feet deep and very long. Lin will contact Duke Hart at Public Works about getting the holes filled.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): The signs outside the park have sustained some damage, probably from all the snow plowing. Someone is stealing rocks from the trails and also removing them from the old stone foundation at the trailhead.

Farrington Woods trails: It appears the city has reached an agreement to rent out the Chow House and the lessee will help maintain the park and trails. There is an ongoing problem with ATV's operating in the park.

Budget Management:

Lin has scheduled a meeting with the Finance Department about our budget and the city has set up a “donations” account so the Conservation Commission can accept donations.

New Business:

New representative for SRA: See above.

Eagle Scout projects: We are looking for ideas for Eagle Scout projects to do at BMR or OQNC.

CT Trails Day: We are registered for Trails Day again, at BMR and OQNC.



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Other concerns: Lin announced that due to family obligations she has to resign her position as Chairwoman, probably in June, but hopes to be able to remain on the commission

Motion to adjourn by Ed P, seconded by Kim, and approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., Room 3C, City Hall, if open.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary. 03/22/14