

Conservation Commission  
City of Danbury  
September 15, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
City Hall – Room 2C  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Montgomery - Chairman, Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Shaun McColgan - Secretary, Linda Murray, Levi Newsome, Nelle Tresselt.

Absent/Excused: Rich Hale

Guests: Jack Kozuchowski

Item: **Approval of June 16, 2008 meeting minutes**– Motion to approve - Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Shaun, vote – approved by all.

**Reports:**

Bear Mountain – Lin and Shaun

Lin reports that a “Friends of Bear Mountain” group is organizing. She also reported on the continuing erosion problems. Bill said he has been talking to Ted Cutsumpas from the Mayor’s office about the problem. Bill also discussed the meadow mowing. He has been talking to Joe Pacific who was awarded the contract and it will probably be done in October.

Old Quarry Nature Center – no report this month.

**Old Business:**

Open Space Bond update- given by Jack.

\*Cotswold property- the city made an offer on the property (bottom part only) and is continuing to negotiate.

\*Sandford’s Pond- the city is looking to get approval to do an appraisal of the property.

\*Lake Kenosia hedgerow- Jack met with the Lake Kenosia Commission and Didona Associates today at the lake. There is a target completion date for the project of next summer. The commission has started a new website; [www.lakekenosia.org](http://www.lakekenosia.org). Jack will be giving a presentation on Lake Kenosia on November 6<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Danbury Holiday Inn.

\*Kenosia boardwalk- no change yet. Jack will draft an RFP. Ed and Bill are meeting tomorrow, 9/16, to discuss the boardwalk project.

\*Murtishi project- Bill reported that Mr. Murtishi sold the property, located on Bear Mountain Road, last year. The new owners want to build a house there and have obtained approval from the Environmental Impact Commission. Discussions with the new owners are ongoing but it may no longer be desirable to pursue this project.

Bear Mountain Reservation-

Bill and Lin discussed the ongoing trail restoration project and adding new trails. See above notes for information on mowing. Due to time constraints there was not any discussion about the signs.

Key Initiatives- to be carried over to our next meeting.

**New Business:**

Still River Greenway options- Jack gave the Commission a video presentation.

Still River Greenway Alliance- revival. Jack told the Commission about this group that is currently not active but may be revived to oversee the greenway again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Ed, seconded by Lin, and approved by all.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 20, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary.

10/7/08