

Conservation Commission
City of Danbury
February 23, 2009
7:30 p.m.
City Hall – Room 2C
Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Members present: Bill Montgomery - Chairman, Shaun McColgan - Secretary, Linda Murray, Nelle Tresselt, and Rich Hale.

Guests: Kim Botelho

Item: **Approval of January 26, 2008 meeting** – Motion to approve - Rich, 2nd - Lin, vote – approved by all.

Reports:

Bear Mountain: Lin, Shaun, Rich, and Kim Botelho.

Shaun – nothing new to report and no problems.

Kim reported that some trees are down on the trails.

Rich and Lin met last Monday, 2/16, at BMR, to discuss and view the red trail problems, namely mud and water issues by the two culverts. Rich distributed maps to everyone present that showed three locations. It is felt that a natural solution versus an unnatural (like a pipe or bridge) solution is preferred. The best natural solution for the water and mud problems is to move large rocks and boulders into the water areas so hikers can use them to cross. It was decided to ask for volunteers to help fix up these areas. Two dates were chosen, 3/8 from 11 AM to 1 PM, and 3/9 from 1 PM to 3 PM. A sign will be posted at BMR to recruit volunteers.

There was also discussion on the new trails and possible paint color ideas for trail markings.

Bill has been in contact with Corporation Counsel about the cottage license. It does not expire until 3/31/09, and is automatically renewable by Shaun. The city is working on the new license and rate, as Shaun has stated he wants to renew.

Old Business:

Commission Candidates – Two letters have been received from prospective candidates, Pat Weiner and Kim Botelho. Rich and Levi have made known their intent on leaving the commission once new commissioners are approved. Bill is working with the Mayors office to have the prospective commissioners approved by the Common Council.

New Business: - none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary.

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