

Conservation Commission  
City of Danbury  
March 16, 2009  
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, Nelle Tresselt, and Levi Newsome.

Absent / Excused: Lin Murray, Rich Hale

Guests: Kim Botelho, Jack Kozuchowski, Linda Ballard da Silva.

Item: **Approval of February, 2008 meeting** – Motion to approve - Levi, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Nelle, vote – approved by all.

**Mill Plain Swamp comments:** Leslie Ballard da Silva, a resident of the Lake Kenosia neighborhood and member of the Lake Kenosia Commission, had requested an opportunity to address the commission. Leslie stated she was speaking in her capacity as a private citizen. She began by handing out a two page memorandum concerning the proposed boardwalk for the Mill Plain Swamp. She also passed around photos of what she described as “vandalism” in the Lake Kenosia area. She then gave her presentation of her concerns about the proposed boardwalk. She was followed by Jack Kozuchowski, who is liaison to both our commission and the Lake Kenosia Commission. Jack presented a map of the area, along with the current boardwalk proposal, and several alternative ideas for our consideration, that might be better suited for the area. Also, with the current economy and budget concerns the previously approved bond referendum item that deals with this issue has been placed on hold. Jack would also like for approval to meet with Rep. Chris Murphy and/or his staff, to discuss possible funding through the recently passed federal government “stimulus” package. Jack stated this would all be done, “no fee”. Bill will try to set up a meeting for Jack with the Congressman or his staff.

**Reports:**

**Bear Mountain:** Shaun, and Kim Botelho.

Shaun reported that the trail cleanup and culvert repairs done on the weekend of 3/7-3/8 went very well. Shaun presented a new trails map for the park, prepared by Rich Hale, showing the new trails and connector trails. There was also some discussion about trail colors and coloring, and this will be left for Lin, Rich, and Kim to decide upon.

The commission was reminded that W.C.S.U. students will be at the reservation on April 1<sup>st</sup> to do GIS mapping of the trails.

**Old Business:**

**Commission Candidates** –Bill has requested that Pat Weiner and Kim Botelho write letters to the Mayor, requesting their appointment to our commission. 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:**

Still River Greenway and Waterway Cleanup – Bill handed out flyers from the Still River cleanup committee. They are conducting their annual cleanup on Saturday May 16, 2009. They are asking for volunteers to come out and join them.

Old Quarry Nature Center – Ed stated that he is working with fellow commissioner Nelle on a spring cleanup of the OQNC. They will advise the commission when they have further information.

Ed made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nelle and approved by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary.

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