

**Conservation Commission**

**City of Danbury**

**November 16, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**City Hall-Room 2C**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray-Chairperson, Ed Prybylski-Vice Chairman, Kim Botelho-acting Secretary, Bill Montgomery, Nelle Tresselt and Pat Weiner

Excused/Absent: Shaun McColgan-Secretary

**Item:** Approval of September 21, 2009 meeting minutes-motion to approve - Ed, Nelle -2nd, vote-approved by all.

**Reports:**

**Old Quarry Nature Center:** Ed,Nelle and Pat

In response to Per Larsons letter ~ it was agreed by all in attendance that we stick to business and stay focused on both long term and short term goals for OQ.

Nick Kaplanis has both the code and keys to OQ and is supposed to distribute them to the public works and /or a city officer.

Lin distributed both keys and codes to Pat,Nelle and Ed for the OQNC.

It was decided to meet and go over the opening procedure for OQ at a later date.

Ed mentioned that the trails have been used and most people come from Rogers Park and there are still no maps in the map shed.

It was decided that we should meet with Gio and/ or Per when they are available and go over shared goals and come up with Terms of Use for OQ.

Ed made a motion regarding a policy whereas all activities and improvements be brought to the CC attention for consideration and approval. This policy is to be implemented in regards to BMR, SRG and OQNC. No action shall be taken until the parties involved have been notified of approval by the Commission.

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

The Purple Martin birdhouse is up , cemented in and covered for the winter.

The sign in the map shed is still under construction.

The meadow will be mowed sometime after Thanksgiving.

The DAWS benefit will be held Nov. 28th and 29th.

Still awaiting feedback from Hunter Brawley about pro bono work in the meadow .

The bird blind location in the meadow is still under consideration.

**Still River Greenway:**Nelle and Pat

Nothing new to report at this time.

**Old Business:**

*Protection status of major parks and reservations-*A meeting that was to take place recently has been postponed. Tarrywile is still under consideration.

The meeting on Nov.10 with Ted Cutsumpas went well. It was decided to have the CC come up with both long and short term goals for OQNC.  
Ed agreed to meet with Parks and Rec.Dept.

**New Business:**

*Old Quarry:*

Ed has some interest regarding a Native American and Cowboy exhibit to be held in the upcoming year. A meeting during the daytime in early December has been tentatively scheduled with Gio and the CC to be held at OQNC to discuss its short and long term goals.

Discussion about a possible rejuvenation of the Friends of Old Quarry for future events and maintenance of the site.

*Still River Greenway:*

A meeting is planned for early December to discuss future plans for the SRG.

*BMR:*

Signs have been made and posted suggesting better control over dogs by their owners. Lin and Kim have been reminding all hikers with dogs of this topic of concern and have noticed some improvement.

Ed made a motion to adjourn-Bill 2nd and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Next meeting:** December 21, 2009 at 7 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Kim Botelho