

Conservation Commission

City of Danbury

April 19, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City Hall-Room 2C

Meeting Minutes

This meeting opened at 7:06 p.m.

Members present: Ed Prybylski-acting Chairman, Kim Botelho-acting Secretary, Nelle Tresselt and Bill Montgomery

Excused/Absent: Lin Murray, Shaun McColgan and Patricia Weiner

Guests present: Gio Ogno and Per Larson

Item: Approval of minutes from March 15, 2010-Nelle made motion to approve, Bill seconded-vote approved by all.

Reports:

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC)-Ed and Nelle

Nelle made mention of an area behind the field house that was in need of improvement (muddy and lots of broken glass etc.) , Ed agreed and volunteered to donate a culvert and his time to install it properly so this area can be repaired effectively for the long term. Gio and Per mentioned that they already had materials purchased and donated from their Starbucks volunteer group to fix this area. The CC, Per and Gio agreed to let Ed do the necessary repairs and use the donated materials from the Starbucks volunteers to address other areas in OQNC. Nelle suggested more benches.

Bill suggested that the CC come up with a list of parameters that would require prior approval by the CC that Old Quarry Board follow before any major work or decisions are carried out on the OQNC premises.
*Following the guidelines of Tarrywile Park and what they have developed was mentioned.

Gio and Per discussed an Earthday cleanup event with the Starbuck volunteers on April 22, 2010.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR)-Kim

Kim mentioned that a hiker wanted to donate and install a mailbox that would hold grocery bags for people to take and use to clean up after their dogs. It would be replenished by donated bags from hikers at the park. We agreed we needed more input from the CC so we will discuss this at the May meeting.

Lin put up the fallen post by the culvert on the red trail.

Kim suggested talking to the FCI volunteers about the use of their wood chipper (if they have one) to help with the removal of the majority of the Autumn Olive trees once felled.

Lin received approval of funding for sign and improvements to map shed are underway.

Still River Greenway (SRG)-Nelle

June 12th Celebration underway with a variety of events scheduled, next meeting will discuss the advertising plan.

Old Business/Key Initiatives:

BMR mowing- Lin. All set for coming year.

SRG mowing- Ed knows of someone who may be able to mow for less than the current contractor. Jack Kozuchowski has an idea for getting the budget to cover the cost of mowing SRG.

BMR meadow management- Kim. See Reports section of minutes.

Mill Plain Swamp-Kim. Nothing new to report at this time.

OQNC-Ed and Nelle. See Reports section of minutes.

SRG expansion- Ed and Nelle. Nothing new to report at this time.

Added layer of protection for major parks-Bill. Shay Nagarseth advised that the Common Council Ad Hoc Committee hopes to schedule a meeting in May, after the city budget discussions are completed to address this concern. Meanwhile, Bob Yamin of the Corporate Council has been conducting research on this topic and Bill is looking forward to finding out what he has discovered.

New Business:

SRG celebration on June 12th, 2010- discussed under reports section of minutes.

Bill made motion to adjourn, seconded by Nelle, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Next meeting: May 17th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Kim Botelho-acting Secretary.