



CITY OF DANBURY
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

Conservation Commission

October 15, 2012
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room 3C
Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:04 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray - Chairwoman, Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Shaun McColgan - Secretary, Kim Botelho, Ed Moore, Brian Batterson - Commissioners.

Absent/Excused:

Vacancy: (1).

Guests: Peter Jennings (prospective new Commissioner).

Public speaking: None.

Item: Approval of minutes of September 17, 2012. Motion to approve by Ed Prybylski, seconded by Kim. Approved by all.

Reports:

Still River Greenway (SRG): Lin reported it has been mowed.

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): “Certificates of Appreciation” from the Mayor’s Office are being presented to the Hoyt brothers for their Eagle Scout projects at OQNC. Bill Lounsbury (beekeeper) has agreed to meet a Commissioner at the field house to check out the bee problem.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): Lin and Kim reported that the cleanup done on September 20th by the JR Reynolds Company volunteers went very well.

There is an ongoing issue with person or persons lighting and leaving small tea light candles on the lower red trail. It appears to be happening during full moons but not every month.

Mowing of the meadows is scheduled for late November.

Old Business / Key Initiatives:

Budget management: No changes from last month.

Update on Bond Issue Priority properties: Jack Kozuchowski sent a progress report to the Commission which was reviewed at the meeting

New Business:

Proposal on improvements to Farrington Woods: Jack K. sent the Commission a detailed report on a “Proposal to construct West Side Open Space Park (Farrington Woods).” The commission reviewed the proposal but took no action. A meeting is scheduled at the property on Monday, Oct.22nd at 5:00 pm and several Commissioners plan on attending.



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New representative for SRA: The Still River Alliance is still being reorganized and a new representative will be decided after the Alliance is active again.

New Commissioner needed: Peter Jennings attended the meeting tonight as a possible new candidate for Commissioner. At this time Dave Lynch has not forwarded a letter of interest to the Mayor's Office.

Other maintenance needs and improvements: Nothing new.

Official Communications: The Conservation Commission is sending a letter of thanks to the RJ Reynolds Corp. for their work at Bear Mountain. We are also sending a thank you letter to the Friends of Happy trails for their work at Old Quarry.

Motion to adjourn by Ed, seconded by Brian and approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.
Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary. 10/20/12