

Conservation Commission

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7:00 pm

City Hall Room 3c

Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:05 pm

Members present: Lin Murray-Chairwoman, Kim Botelho-acting secretary, Ed Prybylski-Vice Chairman, Ed Moore and Peter Jennings

Absent/excused: Shaun McColgan and Brain Batterson

Item: Approval of November 19, 2012 minutes- motion to approve – Ed, 2nd Kim and approved by all.

Reports:

Old Quarry: Ed -The trails are in good shape and are being used.

Bear Mountain Reservation: Lin and Kim – Shaun reported an incident involving indecent exposure of a man on the trails. Some large trees still are blocking some trails.

Still River Greenway: Lin – Lin went to the SRG meeting they have a new chairperson – Ed Siergiej. Jack K. got 2 grants for \$30,000 and \$2,500 for a garden and trailhead projects. They discussed plans for celebrations this spring/summer, an exercise trail, a kayak put-in at Lowes area and a study. The Conservation Commission only has funds for mowing the SRG and not much else.

Old Business/New Initiatives:

Budget Management: Lin is in the process of sending the budget to the city. The CC is expecting to receive the same funding it did last year. Kim will call “The Bat Lady” and ask about bat house placement at OQ and elsewhere.

New Business:

The CC is in charge of the trails at the Farrington property. The North East Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) will do the work and the CC will oversee it along with Nick Kaplanis. The CC is looking for a new representative for the SRG. The CC is happy to have Peter Jennings on board.

Achievements of the CC: volunteers cleared trails at BMR and OQ after severe storms. Eagle Scouts reconstructive the picnic area at OQ. “I Spy” and Letter-boxing activities at BMR and OQ.

Goals of 2013:

Reconstruct Red Trail at BMR and fix fence on roadway.

Reconstruct amphitheater at OQ.

Work with NEMBA at Farrington Property.

Next Meeting: Monday January 28, 2013 &pm City Hall Room 3c