



CITY OF DANBURY
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

Conservation Commission

May 19, 2014

7:00 p.m.

City Hall – Room 3B

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at approximately 7:07 p.m. by Lin Murray.

Members present: Linda Murray – Chairwoman, Shaun McColgan – Secretary, Ed Moore, Brian Batterson and Kim Botelho- Commissioners. Elyse Jasensky-alternate. Absent/Excused: Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Peter Jennings, Rich Hale, and Jack Robbins – Alternates.

Guests: None.

Item: Approval of minutes from April 21, 2014 meeting. Motion to approve by Kim, seconded by Ed, and approved by all.

Public speaking: None.

Reports:

Still River Greenway Commission(SRG): Lin is now a member of this commission and attended the last meeting, which did not have a quorum. Two Danbury spots on the commission remain open.

A cleanup was recently done at the Greenway.

It is hoped that this new commission will become responsible for their own mowing duties and costs, currently handled by the Conservation Commission.

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): Elyse is ready for the first field trip of the season. Lin and Tom did some work recently on the field house windows. In addition; Elyse is looking into working with Nick Kaplanis and Abbott Tech HS about doing some projects at the field house.

The bee problem is being worked on.

There are five (5) field trips booked so far this season, and one (1) birthday party.

Signs have been put up stating, “NO DIGGING.”

There is an ongoing issue with fires being lit in the fireplace. Shaun will notify Bethel PD to keep a check on people entering from Bethel that may be responsible for these fires.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): The porta-potty was delivered for the summer season on 5/14.

A new contract was won for this year’s mowing at BMR and will commence next week.

Rich Hale has some ideas about trail improvements but could not be at the meeting to discuss them.

The Boy Scouts will re-blaze trails on 5/24 from 10-2 pm.

Farrington Woods trails: Nothing new to report.



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Budget Management: Transfer of funds are being made as needed to pay bills through the end of the fiscal year. All fund transfers are small amounts.

New Business:

Eagle Scout projects: There is a possible new project to be done at BMR on the old barn foundation. There will be a possible presentation at the next meeting.

CT Trails Day: Four newspapers and two cable stations were contacted and will publish or broadcast CT Trails Day information for BMR and OQNC. Everything is ready to go for June 7th.

Other concerns: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion by Shaun, and seconded by Brian.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., Room 3B, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary. 06/02/14