



# CITY OF DANBURY

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

## Conservation Commission

December 15, 2014  
7:00 p.m.  
City Hall – Room 3B  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at approximately 7:05 p.m. by Kim Botelho.  
Members present: Kim Botelho – Chairperson, Shaun McColgan – Secretary, Brian Batterson- Commissioner. Elyse Jasensky, Rich Hale, and Jack Robbins -Alternates.  
Absent/Excused: Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Ed Moore, and Peter Jennings – Commissioners.  
Guests: Eamon and Brian Flaherty, Mike Ahearn  
NOTE: There wasn't a quorum for the November meeting so there are no minutes.  
Item: Approval of minutes from October 20, 2014 meeting. Motion to approve by Brian, seconded by Elyse, and approved by all.

**Public speaking:** None.

**Eagle Scout project for BMR:** Life Scout Eamon Flaherty of the Boy Scouts of America gave the commission an update on an Eagle Scout project he would like to do at Bear Mountain Reservation. It would involve making the trail system and signage at BMR easier to understand. Commissioners will help with sign locations. A motion was made by Elyse to approve the project, seconded by Rich, and approved by all.

### **Reports:**

**Still River Greenway Commission (SRG):** Kim spoke with the Chairperson and it is expected he will be attending future CC meetings.

**Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC):** There are some prospective Eagle Scout projects for OQNC. A new kiosk for the field house and some field house work is being explored. An ongoing illegal campsite with tent will be reported to the UNIT for investigation and removal.

**Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR):** The garbage can is back in the parking lot area. Dave Cook from Public Works was spoken to about the ongoing red trail erosion problem and culvert issue. He is going to see what the city may be able to do to provide repairs.

**Farrington Woods:** Mike Ahearn was present. He is the new resident at Farrington Woods. Mike has made over three miles of new trails with the assistance of others, and he continues to work on trail improvements. He also reported that there continues to be an ongoing issue with ATV's on the property and the related trail damage they do. There is a suggestion to do some new signage in the spring to make ATVer's aware of the damages and trespassing they are committing in the hopes of improving the problem.

**Old Business/Key Initiatives:**



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**Budget Management:** Kim reports the budget is due to the Finance Department by December 18<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion relative to that of expanding the dates the porta potties are kept on site at BMR and OQNC, which would change the rate the city is paying.

**New Business:**

The commission is still short one member. Kim is checking on moving one of the alternate commissioners to the vacancy. Mike Ahearn may become an alternate member. Room 3B is the permanent new meeting room for this commission. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm, on a motion by Shaun, and seconded by Brian.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., Room 3B, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary. 12/28/14