

Conservation Commission
City of Danbury
June 20, 2011
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room 2C
Meeting Minutes

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The meeting opened at approximately 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent / excused: Kim Botelho, Greg Cascio.

Guests: None.

Public speaking: none

Item: **Approval of May 16, 2011 meeting minutes** – Motion to approve - Ed, 2nd - Brian, vote – approved by all.

Reports:

Still River Greenway (SRG): Nelle reported that she was not able to attend the last meeting of the SRG Alliance. She did attend the National Trails Day at SRG on June 4th. An extra mowing was done, through Jack Kozuchowski. In the future only mowing approved by the Conservation Commission will be done. There was a SRG clean-up day on June 15th that went very well. A large group from IBM participated.

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): Ed reported that Will Michaels continues to do work and host programs at OQNC. Lin is working on a kids scavenger hunt for OQNC. Lin and her husband did work on the sign and kiosk at OQNC. There will be a program on July 13th at 9:30 AM by Will Michael. Lin has arranged for the printing of 100 trail maps.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): Shaun reported that the park mowing has been done. There is a tree down on the orange trail. Erosion on the red trail continues to get worse. Lin reported that the Health walk and Letterboxing program conducted on National Trails Day at BMR went extremely well with a very large turnout for both events.

Old Business / Key Initiatives:

BMR and SRG mowing: see above

Meadow management: See above about erosion problem at BMR that may affect meadow management.

Budget management, Commission Development, Mill Plain Swamp, OQNC, and Added Layer of Protection for Major Parks: Nothing new to report on these initiatives.

New Business:

CT Trails Day, citywide “Walk for Health” update: Was very successful at both BMR and OQNC.

Progress of Open Space Bond Issue Properties: Nothing new to report.

OQNC progress and updates: see Reports section above.

Website update: Lin reported that the CC website still needs updating and a link to OQNC added.

Cancellation of July and August meetings: A motion was made by Shaun to cancel the July and August CC meetings as is past practice. Seconded by Ed. Approved by all.

Motion to adjourn by Ed, seconded by Shaun, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary. 08/01/11