

**Minutes of the  
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016– 6:00 p.m.**

Chair Maureen Mauro DeSantie called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Staff Liaison Steve Johnson posted a change of meeting room notice at two Parson stair well doors and Conference Room A that was under renovation. Meeting was changed to Conference Room B.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Call to Order / Roll Call**

- a) Present: Carolyn Alling, Claire Casey, Dan Drago, Maureen Mauro DeSantie, Janet McAllister, Keith Dunn, Oden Seaholm, & Staff Liaison– Steve Johnson.
- b) Absent: Jerry Loiselle, Ryan Keeler

**3. Public Comments**

- a) None

**4. Review of Minutes**

- a) **Meeting 01/19/2015** – Keith Dunn motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Oden Seaholm seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

**5. New Business**

- a) Conservation Commission 101 – Steve Johnson reviewed roles of the conservation commission from a CLEAR Land Use Academy handout. Johnson also reviewed the Milford Natural Resource Inventory by Bartley Block and suggested commissioners take the time to review these documents. Johnson will forward links to these documents to the commissioners. Chair Mauro DeSantie briefly reviewed the code of Ethics for Public Officials. Juliana Barrett’s Habitat Based Management Planning can provide a valuable template for strategic Open Space Conservation Areas.
- b) Commissioner Liaisons to Boards and Commissions. Liaisons will review meeting agendas and minutes, promote communication and collaboration. Johnson will send out a list including scheduled meeting dates, time and locations.
  - 1. OSAC - Mauro DeSantie, Alling, Johnson
  - 2. MLCT – Johnson
  - 3. P&Z - Mauro DeSantie
  - 4. IWA – McAllister
  - 5. Flood Control & Erosion Board, DPW – Alling
  - 6. Tree Commission – Drago, Dunn
  - 7. Harbor Management – Johnson
  - 8. Park, Beach & Recreation – McAllister, Drago
  - 9. Board of Education - Casey
- c) Projects / Sub-Committee: Dan Drago led a brainstorming session identifying potential project ideas. Projects that promote conservation areas to the community and strengthens the Conservation Commission’s role in the City.
  - 1. Promoting Open Space walks, natural resource inventory & monitoring to “tell the story” led the list with seven votes.

2. Native Landscaping including invasive vegetation education and management was second with six votes.
3. Other project ideas with one or two votes were Earth Day, Project Green Space, Water Quality (Haz. Materials / Drugs), & Purple Coneflower project.

**6. Unfinished Business Updates**

- a) Open Space Monitoring (Reviewed as part of the project / sub-committee discussions).
  1. Checklist of baseline parcel data
  2. Points of Interest to share on guided hikes
- b) Proposed Development Plan site review checklist – this is dependent on the application and location to open space or other natural resources.

**7. Education & Workshops**

- a) **Successfully Establishing Plants for Pollinators – 2/26/16, CAES**
- b) **CT Land Conservation Council (CLCC) – 3/19/16**
- c) **CT Invasive Plant Conference (CIPWG) October 11, 2016**

Janet McAllister motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Dan Drago. It was approved unanimously at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson

Open Space and Natural Resource Agent

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.