

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
April 19, 2011**

- 1. Roll Call** – Bill Poutray, Keith Dunn, Oden Seaholm, Maureen Mauro, Carolyn Greer, Kathy Kobishyn, Carol Dunn and Danielle Bercury.
- 2. Public Comment** – No public comments.
- 3. Review Minutes** – The minutes from the February 2011 meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
- 4. Unfinished Business**
 - a) Purchase of 462 Oronoque Road property** – The purchase of this property was accepted by both Planning and Zoning and the Board of Alderman.
 - b) Plan of Conservation & Development** – Bill and Carol met with Jocelyn Mathiasen, the new DPLU director. Jocelyn told Bill and Carol that the final draft of the Plan of Conservation and Development will not be ready until September 2012. There will be a sequence of meetings set up. The structure of these meetings has to be developed. Once these meetings are set up, there will be an opportunity for the Conservation Commission to have input into the plan. The Mayor's Open Space Advisory Committee is planning to request a list of items that have been acted on from the last plan ten years ago. It was agreed that it is important to see how much was implemented from the previous plan and the focus of the Conservation Commission should be on maintaining open space as well as the utilization of volunteers for projects on open space.
 - c) New DPLU Organization** – In addition to discussing the Plan of Conservation and Development, Jocelyn also reported that the permitting process is in the process of being computerized which will allow people with a permit in the works to check the progress through the City of Milford website. Jocelyn is also looking into an online web discussion based on a town in Connecticut which enables the public to make comments on the Plan of Conservation and Development. Jocelyn also told Bill and Carol that different departments within the city are being cross trained so all departments are aware of the responsibilities of each department and to improve customer service.
 - d) Gulf Beach Walk** – The walk has been scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd at 1 p.m.

e) Miscellaneous

Carol said she will follow up with Barbara Milton regarding the greenway buffer project.

Carol reported that the osprey are back at Gulf Pond.

Carol said there is a fund raiser at the Audubon on April 30th.

Earth Day is Saturday, April 30th. Carol Dunn will have an information table on the osprey at Eisenhower Park during Earth Day.

Kathy Kobishyn reported that the Garden Club will be cleaning up a blueberry patch with the girl scouts at Eisenhower Park during Earth Day.

Danielle Bercury spoke about a Facebook page that has been created by the Open Space Committee and what a great way this is to reach out to the public. She would like to post some information about the Conservation Commission on this page.

Kathy Kobishyn reported that the Garden Club plant sale will take place on Saturday, May 14th behind the library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission