

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
May 17, 2011**

- 1. Roll Call** – Bill Poutray, Maureen Mauro, Oden Seaholm, Dan Drago, Danielle Bercury, Keith Dunn and Carol Dunn.
- 2. Public Comments** – No public comments.
- 3. Review Minutes** – The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
- 4. Unfinished Business**
  - a) Plan of Conservation & Development** – Bill spoke to Emmeline Harrigan, the Assistant City Planner. Emmeline informed Bill that the City Planner's office will meet with members of The Conservation Commission regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development, to inform the members what the schedule will be for meetings, what the procedures will be and the milestones for the Plan of Conservation and Development. Emmeline will also discuss the open space map which Bill had a copy of at the meeting tonight. The open space map shows city, state and federal and land trust land.
  - b) Gulf Beach Walk** – It was agreed that this walk will take place on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Everyone should plan to meet at the platform. Carol asked to wait a few weeks for this walk since there are no Osprey chicks yet at Gulf Pond.
- 5. New Business**
  - a)** Danielle Bercury started a Facebook page for The Milford Conservation Commission. Danielle gave the password for the site to the members of the commission so they can enter the site and add information or pictures.
  - b)** Bill brought a copy of "The Indian River – Creating a Greenway – Strategies for Land Conservation" by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. This was a study to look at all potential greenways along the Indian River. It was pointed out that a lot of greenways along the river are privately owned or owned by businesses.

- c) Carol spoke about a problem with one of the Osprey nests that sits on a cell tower on Research Drive. Carol was informed that a pole climber had gone up the pole to work on the cell tower which caused the Osprey to fly away leaving their eggs exposed. Carol did go to the site and called Julie Victoria at the DEP. Carol spoke to the cell company personnel who were not very receptive even though there is a posting regarding disturbing the Osprey. Carol and Julie were hopeful that the Osprey would return and the eggs would still be viable.
- d) Carol set up an Osprey table at Earth Day along with an educator from the Audubon.
- e) Maureen brought a DVD of The Municipal Inland Map Reading and Site Plan Review given to her by Mary Rose Palumbo.
- f) The CACIWC annual meeting will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup> this year.
- g) Tom Ivers, City Block Grant Coordinator, contacted Bill and asked him to accompany him on a boat ride along the Housatonic River to assess opportunities to apply a \$1.5 million grant from General Electric for environmental purposes along the river.
- h) Maureen suggested that the Conservation Commission take their meeting outside to accommodate field work on a meeting date versus scheduling a separate walk day which have been poorly attended. The commission will do an educational walk at Subway Headquarters and Mondo Ponds. This will take place on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Commission members should meet at Subway Headquarters, 336 Bic Drive. Bill will notify the City Clerk's office of this change.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission