

**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015 – 6 p.m.  
Conference Room A, Parson's Government Center**

Vice Chairman Steve Johnson called to order the June 16, 2015 meeting of the Conservation Commission at 6:15p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Steve Johnson, Dan Drago, Oden Seaholm, Ryan Keeler (No Quorum)

**Absent:** Maureen Mauro DeSantie, Dan Drago, Keith Dunn, Bill Poutray, Jerry Loiselle,

**3. Public Comments**

- a) Stephanie Ramsey, 448 West Avenue, Milford, CT. Stephanie attended the meeting to express her concerns about the impacts that the proposed Grillo Services plans will have on the Beaver Brook Marsh. Stephanie is a Newtown teacher with a science and chemistry background. She and a neighbor, Jerri Wilson, are interested in understanding the applicant's plans and the City's review process.

**4. Minutes**

- a) The minutes of April 30, 2015, May 12, 2015, and May 15, 2015 were not reviewed or discussed since we did not have a quorum.

**5. Unfinished Business**

- a) Eco-Collaboration – Purple Coneflower Project – Project Review by Steve Johnson thanking the Commissioners for their help in the project preparation and for Commissioner Maureen Mauro DeSantie's help on May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a great project enjoyed by the Kindergarteners, the teachers, and the Milford Garden Club members.
- b) Earth Day – May 17<sup>th</sup>, Project Review by Steve Johnson. He thanked the Milford Earth Day Committee and the volunteers who assisted with the three planting areas at the top of Shipyard Lane. Milford Earth Day provided \$3,600 worth of plantings and materials for this project all from private donations. This project is a beautiful compliment to the City's East Coast Greenway pedestrian sidewalk and bike lanes. Commissioners were encouraged to visit the
- a) Housatonic River Clean-up, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Steve Johnson talked about the value of this annual clean-up but he was unable to attend this year due to the Milford Trees donation and planting at Wilcox Park. No other Commissioners were able to attend.
- c) MacKenzie's Annual Walnut Beach Clean-up, Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Steve Johnson said he attended this annual clean-up that had about 150 participants cleaning up the Walnut, Mrytle, and Silver Sand beach areas.

- d) Open Space Walks for CT Trails Day. These events were well attended by about 60 people. Participants arrived from Milford, neighboring towns as well as across the state according to Steve Johnson. The weather was great both days and everyone enjoyed the walks and the Marsh paddle hosted by CT Audubon Society at Milford's Coastal Center.

## **6. New Business**

- b) Beaver Brook Boardwalk Update by Steve Johnson. The City's Engineering Department has surveyed the parking lot and trail leading to the boardwalk. The City Engineer is in the process of completing elevation drawings pending wetland soil maps and determination. The goal of the parking lot and trail enhancements will be to meet the ADA accessibility goals. It will be decided if this work will be done by the City Public Works Dept. or by a sub-contractor. Steve Johnson is researching options such as helical piers that can serve as the footings for the boardwalk. For the benefit of the Commission, Steve Johnson reviewed the size of the protected parcel at about 41 acres with the City being responsible for a 25' easement area centerline of the trail and boardwalk. Steve also mentioned there was an approximate 15 acre parcel that is zoned as DO-25 where the Grillo Services is proposing to develop for their operations.

Due to Steve Johnson's active role in the Milford Earth Day Committee that benefits from discounted and donated services by Grillo Services, Steve indicated that if any plans will be submitted to the Conservation Commission for review, that he would recuse himself from the discussions and voting as a Conservation Commissioner. He is checking to confirm his ability to answer questions as staff in his role as the Open Space and Natural Resource Agent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson  
Vice Chair, Conservation Commission

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.