

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
September 15, 2009**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Danielle Bercury, Carol Dunn, Vincent Piselli, Oden Seaholm, Keith Dunn and Dan Drago. Guest: Bill Pontin. Danielle served as chairperson for the evening.
2. **Review Minutes** – The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
3. **Public Comment** – Bill Pontin who lives near Mondo Ponds discussed this area with the commission. Bill walks Mondo Ponds at least twice a day and picks up any trash in the area on a regular basis. He reported that he, Bill Poutray and Dan Drago did a walk through together of Mondo Ponds a month ago. Mondo Ponds is scheduled on the open space walks schedule for October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Bill Pontin will be the group leader for this walk.
4. **Open Space Walks Schedule** – Dan Drago handed out a schedule of upcoming open space walks. Right now there are six walks scheduled and he will be finalizing more walks within the week. Vincent suggested that trail maps be made available at each location for the walks. Keith Dunn reported that he, Bill Poutray and Joe Woyciesjes will be meeting this weekend at the Solomon Property for a walk through.

Danielle spoke to the commission about the best ways to attract more people to these walks. She is going to make arrangements to compose a small poster regarding the walks to be put in several locations in Milford, i.e., Robert Treat Farm, Café Atlantique, Milford Library, Audubon Society, Canvas Patch, Milford Chamber of Commerce and several of the supermarkets. Bill Pontin suggested that at the top of the poster the heading could be “Are you familiar with your open spaces in Milford?” Keith suggested contacting Jill Dion from the local Milford newspaper. Danielle said she would contact Bill Poutray to see if he would compose an article for the newspaper. Vincent will contact Mary Ludwig to obtain her email list and a suggestion was made to also contact Ann Berman to obtain a list from her in order to broadcast these walks. Danielle also suggested buying coffee and munchkins for the first walk and listing “light refreshments” on the poster.

5. **DEP Letter** – Carol reported that the commission was copied on a letter from the DEP regarding a permit request for a dock demolition and rebuild at a house across from the Dock Shopping Center. Carol drove by the house and reported that the house is for sale. She will look into this further.

6. **Furniture Row** – Carol reported that the remediation process began on June 4<sup>th</sup> with the first soil and water sampling taking place 30 to 90 days after the process began. After the first sampling, the company handling this process reports starting to see a diminishment of toxic samples. The whole process will take one to one and a half years. Carol will continue to monitor this project.
7. **Great River, Baldwin Landing, Avalon Property** – Carol did some investigation on these properties and reported that Great River has a septic system, Baldwin Landing has sewers and the Avalon property on Wheelers Farm Road has been sold and nothing is currently happening on this property.
8. **Buckingham Avenue** – Carol looked into the device located on Buckingham Avenue. She reported that the Milford Fire Department uses this device to measure tidal flow for the beach area and also the amount of rain that has fallen before a high tide. This helps the fire department alert the people living near the beach if there is going to be potential flood problems. There is also a smaller device located on Gulf Street.
9. **Osprey** – Carol reported that Gulf Pond #2 lost one of the osprey. A kayaker saw an osprey hanging from the nest. The osprey was rescued but he injuries were too great.
10. **CACWIC** – The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.
11. **Eisenhower Park Cabin** – Vincent Piselli reported that he has received the key to the cabin at Eisenhower Park which he has discussed previously. The plan is for the cabin to be used by local scout troops as an “Youth Eco Lodge”. Right now local veterans are sharing the space. The Parks and Public Works Departments also have things stored at the cabin. Vincent plans to open up a line of communication with the veterans regarding the cabin. The scouts will begin working on this cabin in November to clean up both inside and outside. Vincent’s son will be working on the this cabin as his Eagle Scout project. Vincent reports that the cabin is a large building with a full kitchen and a large fireplace.
12. **Garden Club Presentation** – Carol reported on a power point presentation on Gulf Beach that was made to the Garden Club by Ruth Cutler of the UConn Co-op Extension Center. This presentation was arranged by Carolyn Greer. Ruth did a site inventory of Gulf Beach. The main points of the presentation discussed:
  - Flora & fauna
  - Parking lot
  - Road crossing to Gulf Beach
  - Future flower plantings
  - Possible future fragmite reduction

13. **Upcoming Mayoral Debate** – Danielle reported that she might be moderating the upcoming mayoral debate and was looking for questions from the commission to be asked at the debate.

**The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich  
Minutes not approved by the Commission