

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
September 20, 2011**

- 1. Roll Call** – Carol Dunn, Kathy Kobishyn, Maureen Mauro, Oden Seaholm, Bill Poutray, Danielle Bercury, Dan Drago, Keith Dunn and new member Bill Blotney.
- 2. Welcome** – Bill Poutray welcomed Bill Blotney.
- 3. Public Comments** – No public comments.
- 4. New Business**
  - a) Danielle spoke about the debris left over from Hurricane Irene in the area where she lives and suggested organizing a beach clean up. Carol said she would speak to someone from the Bayview Beach Association. Kathy volunteered to help.
  - b) Carol reported on correspondence received from the DEP regarding a project to move sand at Gulf Beach. The company handling the project is Ocean and Coastal Consultants. Carol called the contact at the company and was told that the work will not begin until Spring.
  - c) Carol reported on correspondence from the DEP regarding a dock being built on private property that will be going into the Housatonic River. Carol questioned the building process since the ramp will have to be built across the grass which is spartina grass and several holes will have to be dug.
  - d) Maureen reminded everyone that the annual CACIWC meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissions are encouraged to attend. Maureen said she would send the information on CACIWC via email to commission members.
  - e) Bill Blotney asked about the 1.5 million dollar grant that was mentioned in the May minutes. Bill Poutray has found out that the city did not have any projects that qualified under the language of the grant.
  - f) Carol received some information regarding a project being handled by the DOT under the Moses Wheeler bridge. The DOT is constructing a sedimentation pond for a half mile under I-95, a three year project. She will call the DOT to get further information.

## **5. Old Business**

- a) Plan of Conservation and Development – Bill Poutray handed out a document titled “Recommended Water Quality Policies” that was developed at the Mayor’s Open Space Committee Meeting on 9/15/11. The document discussed the Wepawaug River and the storm water runoff policy citywide. Bill Blotney raised concerns about the pond at North Street. Bill Poutray agreed with this and voiced concerns about the harbor and the pond at Eisenhower Park. He also voiced concerns about the silt runoff from I-95. Bill Poutray said that when the ponds are dredged, the materials found in the ponds will have to be studied, i.e., pollutants, toxic materials, etc. Bill Poutray gave Bill Blotney the Eisenhower Park study to look over.
- b) Danielle spoke about zoning regulations in Stamford. The zoning commission will give allowances to people who are planning “green” projects for their property. She will email the zoning regulations to the commission members.
- c) Bill Poutray also said he had received a copy of the Long Island Sound Study by the Citizen Advisory Committee if anyone would like to look at it.
- d) Bill Blotney spoke about his concerns with the Solomon property and that it is slowly getting destroyed by ATV’s and teenagers having parties there. Bill Poutray agreed and said that this type of problem could be handled if there was a city manager who would monitor the parks and open space in Milford. Dan Drago agreed with this and said he would like to form a sub-committee within the Milford Conservation Commission to put together a plan to justify a land manager who would look into the costs and benefits of this type of position. Kathy Kobishyn said she would work with Dan on this.
- e) Bill Poutray also said another recommendation for the new plan would be to have an annual allotment to have money in the open space fund.
- f) Bill Poutray is waiting for the public hearing dates on the Plan of Conservation and Development.

## **6. Other Business**

- a) **Furniture Row** – Carol Dunn reported that she heard from the DEP that the remediation using microorganisms to destroy environmental toxic pollutants in the ground water has been completed and there is no detection of bacteria. The DEP will continue to monitor the soil and water for the next two years to make sure everything is clear. Carol reported that she was advised that the property located next door “Borlon” is contaminated. The State of Connecticut is trying to negotiate to get the property cleaned up.

### **Conservation Commission**

- a) Dan Drago discussed the division of responsibility for projects discussed at the monthly Conservation Commission meetings. He suggested that more commissioners should volunteer to work on committees dealing with various issues.

b)The monthly meetings will now take place at 6 p.m. in the same conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission