

**Minutes of the  
Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – 6 p.m.  
Parsons Conference Room A, Parson's Government Center**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Carolyn Alling, Claire Casey, Oden Seaholm, and Ryan Keeler, Keith Dunn, Janet McAllister.

**Absent:** Dan Drago, Maureen Mauro DeSantie, Jerry Loiselle

**Staff Liaison** – Steve Johnson, Open Space & Natural Resource Agent

**2. Public Comments –**

- a) Attorney Cruseaden asked for clarification on the Commission's minutes from the 8/9/2016 site visit. Attorney Cruseaden recalled that the motion at the site visit included a motion to approve with conditions.
- b) Mark Leso – 20 Myers Lane. – He also recalled the same motion to approve with conditions.
- c) Bill Bevin, 23 Merlin Circle – Alderman Bevin follows the meetings and minutes of the Conservation Commission regularly. He wanted to say personally that he appreciates the hard work that the commissioners do for the City.

**3. Johnson** called for a motion to appoint a temporary Chairperson for tonight's meeting in the absence of both the Chair, Maureen Mauro DeSantie, and Vice-Chair, Dan Drago. Ryan Keeler motioned for Oden Seaholm to be Chairperson this evening. Janet McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

**4. Minutes** – August 9, 2016, Site Visit 0 Myers Lane Keith Dunn motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Clair Casey seconded. The motion passed 6:0.

**5. New Business**

- a) 9/15/2016 Attorney Curseaden Letter to Conservation Commission
  - 1. Ryan Keeler stated he didn't think the letter's request applies to what the Conservation Commission's role is when reviewing applications.
  - 2. Janet McAllister sated that the commission's role of protecting open space and conservation includes making recommendations but the commission is not in the position to specifically approve an application.
  - 3. Ryan Keeler said the Minutes from 8/9/16 were accurate and added that there was nothing in their discussion "not" to approve.
  - 4. Janet McAllister added that the commission was in a neutral role.
  - 5. Johnson added that the Conservation Commission was an advisory role and not regulatory.
  - 6. To clarify the Conservation Commission's position, McAllister motioned " the intention of the recommendations conveyed in the minutes of 8/9/16 were recommendations for actions and conditions for the property upon approval by other boards and commissions." It was seconded by Ryan Keeler. The motion passed 6:0.

- b) Daisy Troop 30347, Waterfowl Project at Wepawaug River – Johnson updated the commissioners on this project and suggested the commission consider awarding the Daisy Girl Scouts and their leaders for their conservation efforts. Ryan Keeler motioned that they finalize this award idea at the October meeting. Claire Casey seconded. The motion passed 6:0.

## **6. Unfinished Business Updates**

- a) 701 North Street – Johnson asked commissioners to visit the site on their own. Recommendations can be discussed how to manage the property based on the existing conditions and natural resources. Discussion on the efforts needed to manage the orchard trees and other site requirements will need to be considered.
- b) Commissioner Liaisons Updates to Boards and Commissions
  - 1. Janet McAllister noted that the Grillo Application to IWA was pending at the IWA Agency on 9/21/16.

Keith Dunn motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. It was seconded by Claire Casey. The motion passed 6:0

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson  
Open Space and Natural Resource Agent  
These minutes have not been accepted or approved.