

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
October 19, 2010**

- 1. Roll Call** – Bill Poutray, Danielle Bercury, Carol Dunn, Oden Seaholm, Keith Dunn, Maureen Mauro, Kathy Kobishyn and Dan Drago.
- 2. Public Comments** – No public comments
- 3. New Business**

a) Milford Conservation Commission Goal Planning for 2011

The October meeting was designated to planning goals for the upcoming year and to create a mission statement for The Milford Conservation Commission.

Bill emphasized the importance of reading the current Plan of Conservation and Development which is reviewed every ten years and will be reviewed for next year. There are current zoning regulations in place in this plan, but questions were raised about the implementation of these regulations in the current plan, i.e., question on impervious surfaces in a large parking area. Maureen, Carol, Danielle, Bill and Keith all attended the Plan of Conservation and Development meeting last week.

A suggestion was made that a sub-committee of members of The Conservation Commission and other groups within Milford interested in land use issues meet to discuss the use of The Plan of Conservation and Development. It was agreed that a cohesive environmental group needs to put together a sub-committee to have an opportunity to have an effect on the legislative/regulation area of The Plan of Conservation and Development. It would be important for this group to advocate for taking care of the land we have in Milford.

Keith explained the state program of farm selling development rights.

Maureen developed a presentation to coincide with goal planning titled “Recommending a Strategy” which she handed out in binder form to the commission members. She also handed out the State of Connecticut general statutes for a conservation commission.

Maureen listed on a white board the accomplishments for The Milford Conservation Commission:

Open Space Walks
Picked up trash during walks
Eisenhower Park Tour
Organizing Conservation Awards
Support for the Macri Farm
Speaking before ZBA regarding Macri Farm
Volunteer at Earth Day
Implementation of Monofilament Boxes
Having Conservation Commission fully staffed
Attending other environmental meetings
Arranging guest speakers at Conservation meetings
Reviewing plans, i.e., White Oak Terrace, Subway parking lot

A list of long terms goals were suggested for The Conservation Commission. They are:

1. Sub-committee to work on Plan of Conservation and Development
2. Research and advocacy for farm preservation
3. Education and outreach of open space
4. Revision of inventory of open space
5. Open space management committee

Bill reported that at a recent meeting, the members of the Planning and Zoning committee were interested in the results of the open space survey.

A list of short term goals with the forming of sub-committees was also suggested for The Conservation Commission. They are as follows:

1. Plan of Conservation and Development – Bill Poutray – chair.
Members: Carol Dunn, Oden Seaholm, Keith Dunn, Kathy Kobishyn, Maureen Mauro and Carolyn Greer
2. Education and Outreach – Danielle Bercury – chair.
Members: Dan Drago, Bill Poutray, Maureen Mauro and Carolyn Greer.
3. Inventory and Open Space Management – Keith Dunn – chair.
Members: Carol Dunn, Oden Seaholm, Kathy Kobishyn, Danielle Bercury, Dan Drago and Bill Poutray.

It was agreed that the chair of each sub-committee will give a brief summary at the November meeting. They will also email the summary to Bill prior to the next meeting so he can include this on the agenda.

Other Business

1. CACIWC Annual Meeting is taking place on Saturday, November 13th. The Milford Conservation Commission will pay for members to attend.
2. Speaker – Maureen spoke to the land trust speaker from last year's CACIWC meeting. He said he would be willing to speak to the commission members at an upcoming meeting.
3. Office – Letty Malone is willing to assist in the office clean up. Kathy Kobishyn and Keith Dunn agreed to work with Letty.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission