

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Conservation Commission
City of Milford
November 15, 2006

1. Roll Call: William Sahlmann, Carol Dunn, Oden Seaholm, Sheila Woodlock, John Vanacore, Judy Weyant, Charles Montalbano, Barbara Hilli and Brittany Spooner.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Bill introduced Brittany Spooner to the commission members. Brittany is the new student member from Jonathan Law High School. No selections have been made yet from Foran High School or Alternative Education.
3. New Business
 - a. 990 Naugatuck Avenue – Proposed Recycling Center to be built near the edge of the Housatonic River. Since this is tidal water, the DEP would be consulted instead of Inlands & Wetlands. Bill asked for a volunteer to look further into this project and report back at the next meeting. Carol Dunn volunteered to do this.
4. Old Business
 - a. Eisenhower Park – Bill showed the original plans for Eisenhower Park to Brittany. Changes have been made since this plan was prepared. When Bill meets with Mayor Richetelli, he will suggest that a member of the Conservation Commission serve on the Eisenhower Park committee.
 - b. Broadwater LNG Import Terminal – nothing new to report.
 - c. Mondo Ponds – nothing new to report.
 - d. CACIWC Annual Meeting – The meeting was held on Saturday, November 4th at Mountainside in Wallingford. Bill handed around information from the meeting. Sheila said one of the speakers mentioned that the Milford Conservation Commission had included high school students as members of the commission and the speaker felt this was a great idea.

4. Old Business (Cont'd)

- e. Gulf Street bridge – Carol Dunn reported that the fence has been repaired, the weeds have been cut back and crushed stone has been put down in the parking. However, Carol said they did not cover the entire parking lot with the crushed stone. She also reported that when Beard removed the large mound of earth from the parking lot, they also removed some of the parking lot surface. As a result, when it rains, the area becomes a small body of water. She feels this will only get worse every time it rains. Bill suggested calling the DOT about this. Bill will also mention this to the mayor at their meeting. Carol Dunn called the traffic division of the police department regarding the yellow markings on the bridge and the lines were extended.
 - f. 35-80 White Oak Terrace – Carol Dunn reported she walked the area and had some observations. White Oak Terrace is a very narrow street with no sidewalks and only a few houses. She has concerns about traffic issues because this street is very close to an I-95 exit ramp. She questioned whether there had been a traffic survey, natural resource survey and a wildlife survey done on the area. Judy suggested Carol contact Mary Rose from Inlands & Wetlands with some of the questions she had. The proposed project is on approximately five acres; 1/3 of which is wetlands.
5. Correspondence – Oden Seaholm submitted a letter to the mayor requesting his reappointment to the Conservation Commission. Barbara Hilli submitted a letter to the mayor informing him she will not continue on the commission once her term expires. Barbara also mentioned the letter she received from the mayor's assistant regarding her reappointment to commission and the fact that she did not appreciate the tone of the letter. Bill will also mention this to the mayor at their meeting.

Per a request from Letty Malone, Bill showed everyone a letter he had composed to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture requesting a grant to purchase additional open space in Milford for gardening purposes.

6. Chairperson's Report

- a. The December 20th meeting will be Bill's final meeting. He went over some of the particulars for the January meeting. After the recording secretary completes the roll call for the meeting, she will call the meeting to order. At that time, the recording secretary will ask for nominations for a chairperson for the Conservation Commission. Once a chairperson is nominated, the meeting will be turned over to that person. The chairperson will then ask for nominations for a vice-chairperson and a secretary. Bill asked the members to discuss with each other who might like to become chairperson. He explained some of the duties, i.e., composing and e-mailing agenda prior to the meeting every month, submitting invoices for the recording secretary, keeping keys for the office, etc.
- b. Bill will be meeting with Mayor Richetelli on November 30th at 9 a.m. He will discuss several issues with the mayor in addition to the issues outlined previously in the minutes. As of the end of the year, there will be three openings on the Conservation Commission.
- c. Barbara Hilli mentioned she and a few of the Conservation Commission members had attended the ECC meeting held on Thursday, October 19th. She said Barbara Milton was very well prepared and enthusiastic at the meeting and was trying to organize several committees.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission