

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
November 16, 2010**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Bill Poutray, Keith Dunn, Carolyn Greer, Maureen Mauro, Kathy Kobishyn and Carol Dunn.
- 2. Public Comment** – No public comments.
- 3. Review Minutes** – The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
- 4. Unfinished Business:**
 - a) Conservation Awards – The awards subcommittee met and went through all the returned nominations and selected a winner for each category. Bill asked for a motion that the nominations be accepted. All nominations were accepted by the Milford Conservation Commission. Bill will contact Lisa at Mayor Richetelli's office to have him review the list of winners and see if the mayor's office is interested in sending out a press release. If not, Bill will take care of this. Kathy Kobishyn will compile a list of all the winners and send to Maureen so she can prepare the awards. Maureen will also look into listing awards on the Conservation website through a link with the City of Milford website once all the letters are sent out. Kathy will send out the invitations to all the winners. Carolyn Greer will send letters to all honorable mention nominees.
 - b) Plan of Conservation and Development –The current plan, originally created in 2000, is required by the State of Connecticut to be revised every ten years and is up for review now. A comment was made that very little is included in the plan about farms and this needs to be addressed. Bill asked Keith Dunn if he would be able to attend the next Mayor's Open Space Advisory Meeting to discuss farming in Milford. A question was raised about a conservation officer for the city. Bill said that a conservation officer was included in the original plan, but never implemented. Bill reiterated that everyone on the Conservation Commission should read and understand the current Plan of Conservation and Development especially the section on impervious surfaces. The open space survey should be included when working on the Plan of Conservation and Development.

- c) Education and Outreach – Maureen spoke about the workshops she attended at the CACIWC annual meeting. She shared with the commission the details on the workshop regarding “Stopping the Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Longhorned Beetles and Other Threats to CT Forests”. Maureen spoke about how destructive these two species have been to trees, i.e., Maple, Elm and Ash trees. This has already happened to one town in Massachusetts. Maureen spoke about the fact that one of the ways these species are spreading is by the moving of firewood piles. Bill suggested getting together with the Tree Commission and possibly arranging for a speaker to do a presentation at the library. Maureen and Carolyn agreed they will come up with two or three components for education and outreach for the year which would include walks, invasive species and plants.
- d) Inventory and Open Space Management – No meetings were held on this sub-committee since the last meeting. It was agreed that members of this sub-committee should try and walk some of the open space areas in Milford.
- e) CACIWC Annual Meeting – This meeting was held on Saturday, November 13th at Mountain Ridge in Wallingford. Out of 140 people attending, there were ten people in attendance from Milford. The key note speaker was unable to be there due to a last minute issue.

5. Other Business

- a) Carol Dunn received a copy of the new FEMA flood regulations that was sent to the Conservation Commission.
- b) Furniture Row – Carol spoke to her contact at the DEP who informed her that there has been an 80% reduction across the entire area. The project is on schedule.
- c) NOAA – Carol received information from the DEP regarding NOAA on Rogers Avenue. The intake screens were becoming fouled. Divers went to check the problem and discovered there was silt in the intake and outtake valves. The Army Corps of Engineers has become involved to remove the silt from these valves and correct the problem.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission