

**Minutes of  
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 6 p.m.  
Conference Room A, Parson's Government Center**

Chairman Bill Poutray called to order the January 20, 2015 meeting of the Conservation Commission at 6:15 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Roll Call**

**Present: Dan Drago, Claire Casey, Jerry Loiselle, Maureen Mauro DeSantie, Steve Johnson, Bill Poutray, Oden Seaholm, Keith Dunn,**

**3. Public Comments - none**

**4. Election of Officers –**

- a) Steve Johnson motioned for Bill Poutray to be nominated as Chairman. Oden Seaholm seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
- b) Keith Dunn motioned for Steve Johnson to be the Vice Chairman. Maureen Mauro DeSantie seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
- c) Maureen Mauro DeSantie motioned for Claire Casey to be the Secretary. It was seconded by Dan Drago. It was approved unanimously.

**5. Minutes –** Keith Dunn motioned to accept the October 21, 2014 minutes, Bill Poutray seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. Bill Poutray's letter submitted to the Director of Recreation, Paul Piscitelli, about the proposed smoking policy was discussed. Commissioners felt Bill did an outstanding job capturing the important reasons why the Conservation Commission was supporting this effort.

**6. Unfinished Business - Commissioner Stewardship.**

- a) **Eisenhower Park** - Steve Johnson updated Commissioners on recent efforts by the Police and Public Works to add additional barriers to prevent illegal ATV and Off Road truck activity from damaging areas at Eisenhower Park.
- b) **Solomon Property** - A brief discussion of the needed enhancements to make the entrance of the Solomon area more welcoming were discussed.
  - 1. Existing House, Garage
  - 2. Expanding the Parking area
  - 3. Adding Informational signs
  - 4. Working with DPW and the Mayor's Office to prioritize the project tasks.
- c) Commissioners were encouraged to visit open space areas. Future organized walks would be arranged in early 2015. Members of the Boards of Aldermen and Planning & Zoning would also be invited as weather permits.

## **7. New Business**

### **a) Eco Collaboration Meeting - 2015.**

1. A committee consisting of, Maureen Mauro DeSantie, Steve Johnson, Keith Dunn, Dan Drago, Claire Casey will begin discussions to present at the next Conservation Commission meeting.
2. The SWOT Analysis Tool was discussed to use as a tool to identify potential topics of interest. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats.
3. Meeting to be held at Parsons, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at Steve Johnson's Office at Parsons.

### **b) Earth Day – 2015**

1. Earth Day will be planned for April or May. The dates and event details will be determined. Steve Johnson is working with the Earth Day Committee.

## **8. Continuing Education**

- a)** CT Land Conservation Council's Annual Conference will be 3/21/2015. Steve Johnson will forward event and registration details as soon as they become available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., Conference Room A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson  
Vice Chair, Conservation Commission