

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio - Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney
David Skirkanich
Melissa Smith
Seny Ricardi

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

David Skirkanich

Guest:

Harold Ryder, 76 Gunn Street

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on December 9, 2013. Seny Ricardi seconded the motion. The minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - \$375 for Secretarial Fees, \$750.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$5.00 for postage, \$5.00 for Duplication, \$5.00 for Office Supplies and \$5.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Meeting Dates are set and reserved - to review: Milford Tree Commission Meeting dates for 2014 going forward—February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 14 (Tuesday) November 11, December 8.
- Meeting Note – the February 10 Meeting may start a little late due to another meeting Bryan Mancini will be attending just before our meeting – the meeting of the Board of Finance in Conference Room B at 6:30 pm.
- Elections – Kate Orecchio nominated Bryan Mancini for Chairman. It was voted on and passed unanimously. Seny Ricardi nominated Kate Orecchio for Vice-Chair; it was voted on and passed unanimously. Kate Orecchio nominated Jim Malaney for Co-Vice-Chair; it was voted on and was passed unanimously.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- No Report at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Seny Ricardi brought an issue to our attention. He found an article in the Orange Times (a regional paper) regarding United Illuminating along with PURA (Public Utility Regulatory Authority) and their proposal to start a program to start cutting down and aggressively trimming trees in the neighboring towns. There may be a possibility that some property owners may have to pay the cost of replacement trees. New Haven could lose up to 50% of their trees. Bryan Mancini will review the article and the PURA Report to see what plans UI has for the City of Milford. Bryan will also call the Mayor and Public Works to make them aware of this proposed program.
- Postings – Bryan Mancini indicated that he noticed several trees on Woodruff that had been posted.

G. ARBORETUM

- Meeting with the Mayor to Establish an Arboretum Managing Committee - Bryan Mancini is still working on developing and establishing a committee of people to be responsible for the Arboretum. Bryan Mancini will call to set up a meeting with the Mayor regarding this project, and Bryan will work on this over the winter. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this project, they should contact Bryan Mancini directly.
- Trees Across from Milford Bank – 8 trees will be coming out at the front of the Bank and replacements will then be planted.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

I. TREE NURSERY

- There is no report at this time.

J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- There is no report at this time.

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 449 Boston Post Road (Site of the former Kimberly Diner) – Harold Ryder came to our meeting so he could take a look at these plans as the property is close to his house. Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini will investigate at Planning & Zoning tomorrow to research the regulations on this proposed site. This site also needs a zone change; there are issues with leaving the front open without trees and needs to add several trees. This Plan is currently on hold until Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio can gather more information.
- 34 Village Road - This is a lot with a proposed 2-family residence to be built there. Trees are to be removed. Bryan Mancini along with Kate Orecchio will take a ride by there to look at this property to better understand what the builders are proposing.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Melissa Smith seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The January 13, 2014 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held January 13, 2014 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary