

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 14, 2008 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

- Commission Members Present: Stephen Wing, Chairman
Mary Ludwig, Member
Tammy Jorgensen, Member
Kate Orecchio, Member
- Alternates: Bryan Mancini
Irwin Langewisch
- Tree Warden: Rich Tomasco
- Recording Secretary: Bryan Mancini
- Guest Bob Masud

B. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Wing called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM December 10, 2007 MEETING

- No minutes to consider

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- S. Wing reported that the meeting dates for 2008 have been revised and he will send an email to all members with the new dates.
- Mary Ludwig asked permission to switch positions with Irwin Langewisch making her the alternate and Irwin the Commissioner
- S. Wing will investigate this request and report back
- Chairman Wing reminded all present that an Ethics Training for Commissions will be taking place at City Hall on January 17, 2008 at 7pm.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- Tree Warden Tomasco noted that the Christmas tree in the center of Robert Treat was replaced after damage from a vehicle
- Many diseased and dead trees have been removed
- R. Tomasco has a list of all removals to pass along to the Tree Commission
- R. Tomasco and I. Langewisch noted that training will be taking place for DPW grounds crews in the spring about damage to the public trees.

- Crew Foreman J. Welk has been talked to by DPW Director Kolwicz regarding supervising disgruntled employees.
- Chairman Wing is going to re-address letter to the Mayor to Director Kolwicz to re-enforce a meeting he had with him in December.

G. ARBORETUM

- \$7000.00 Donation received from Al Berrien for memorial trees
- \$1000.00 Donation received from Allen Brandt and Barbara Collins
- M. Ludwig is going to talk to Elizabeth or Chuck at Planters Choice about getting Cherry trees as part of the Werth Family Foundation donation
- S. Wing will get plans to public works to possibly start work on the cherry grove area
- Members discussed a plan to build an 1812 War monument by Carl Gianetti with an English Garden theme.
- K. Orecchio wants the Tree Commission to have a representative at the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission meeting to oppose removing the moratorium for monuments on the green.
- All members voted for The Milford Tree Commission to oppose removing the moratorium as it would infringe on the Arboretum

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- S. Wing will talk with Larry Tomasco, Purchasing Agent City of Milford, about reimbursement to Milford Trees Inc. for products purchased by Milford Trees Inc for the Tree Commission.
- I. Langewisch will talk with Kelly Hammill about possibly getting the funds
- S. Wing would like Kelly to talk directly with Tom Ivers who is handling the CDBG grant the funds are to come from.
- The Tree Commission will need to get Purchase Orders when buying trees or supplies from a vendor.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- M. Ludwig, S. Wing, I. Langewisch, R. Tomasco will be attending meeting about Storm Damage Assessment Protocol on Wednesday January 16th at City Hall.

J. TREE NURSERY

- No report

K. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- No report

I. GREENING OF THE POST ROAD

- K. Orecchio is going to do a report from Dave Sulkis for what was planted in 2007.
- K. Orecchio and S. Wing will do a report of procedures and step-by-step instructions for The Connecticut Urban Forest Council to be used as a model

J. TREE ORDINANCE

- Tabled until next meeting

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- March 16, 2008 is the Celebrating of Trees at the Milford Fine Arts Council Building
- March 8, 2008 will be the winter education seminar at the Milford Public Library from 10-2

L. MISCELLANEOUS TREE MATTERS

- Bob Masud, 18 Intervale Parkway, brought concerns to the tree commission regarding new restaurant, Bridge House, patrons are parking on the grass near new trees planted.
- B. Masud has been to the Milford Police Commission and talked with head of traffic division about No Parking or No Parking on Grass signs and an ordinance to make them enforceable.
- B. Masud reported that the police department is working on a study and will be on the agenda for their next meeting.
- M. Ludwig motioned to have the Tree Commission write a resolution to the Mayor and Police Department. The motion was seconded by T. Jorgenson.

M. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- (1) 995 Bridgeport Ave
- (2) Applicant: Maria Genovese c/o Andriopoulos Design Assoc, LLC
Re: Construct partial 2-story commercial dry cleaners building –
114' x 90' overall.

Members looked over the plans and noted that more diversity of plants is needed to help prevent a monoculture. Buffering at the rear of the property is also necessary as the pines have no lower branches. Members also noted that the shade trees need to be moved back away from the pavement.

- (2) 296 Orange Ave
Members voted to endorse the Tree warden report on the property.

N. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- M. Ludwig moved to adjourn the meeting, T. Jorgensen seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The January 14, 2008 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held January 14, 2008 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Bryan Mancini
Recording Secretary