

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Meeting***

#### **A. ROLL CALL**

Commission Members:

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

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Melissa Smith  
David Skirkanich

#### **B. CALL TO ORDER**

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

#### **C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on March 9, 2015. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- Financial Report - As of the end of November, the Financial Report is as follows: \$75.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$900.00 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.
- Harbor Planting Trees – On April 25, 2015 two Dogwoods from the Nursery and two Magnolias were planted at the top of Shipyard Lane and Harbor Side Drive. Still to be planted are two Styrax (Japanese Snowbell) in the same location. In addition Sunday May 17, 2015 from 12-4:30 pm, 300 plants (mostly flowers and some trees, including Mountain Laurels will be planted in this location. Milford Trees, Inc., Steve Johnson (Open Spaces) ECC (Environmental Conservation Coalition) and the MEPI (Milford Environment Protection Initiative) all collaborated on this project.
- Parks & Rec. Tree Donation – Paul Piscatelli from Parks & Rec. and Bryan Mancini had a meeting to discuss monies (\$1,000.00) that Parks & Rec would like to donate, and have Bryan Mancini take charge of selecting and planting some trees. Most likely the location will be at Melba Street.

#### **E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS**

- Baxter Lane - The trees that were tagged by UI all seem to have been taken down.
- They sidewalks are being repaired now.

#### **F. ARBORETUM**

- Sign Missing Across from Milford Bank – Tammy Jorgensen was riding a bus and spotted our sign lying face down on the Green. Bryan Mancini now has possession of the sign. The sign needs repair – an eye hook and eyelet will be replaced and reinforced and will be re-hung soon.
- Contact From a Potential Donor – Bryan Mancini received an email from an Elaine Hoffstadt who would like a memorial tree in memory of her daughter. Bryan Mancini will email her an application for the tree.
- Dredging Project – Bryan Mancini spoke with Mary Rose Palumbo from the Inland/Wetland Office regarding the Dredging project. This project is still a GO; we are waiting for army and DEEP permits. The funding is in place. The Dredging project is to begin within 2 years. Planting has been asked to be restricted from City Hall – North until this project is complete.

#### **G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- There are no open grants at this time.

#### **H. TREE NURSERY**

- Gate – The Gate project was to be completed on Sunday, May 10, 2015, but was postponed due to the Mother's Day holiday. The project date is TBD.
- Tree Money for Whips/Small Trees – Bryan Mancini will be visiting the Purchasing Department this week to get Purchase orders for the trees.

#### **I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS**

- Melba Street – (across from Beachville Market) Kate Orecchio paced and measured the space. Out of 234 feet, approximately 160 feet is available for planting. 4 trees have been proposed to be planted there; Kate Orecchio will get approval.
- 335 Woodruff Road – Bryan Mancini spoke to the homeowners there and they would like another Pear tree to match the existing one they have on the property. Bryan Mancini would like to use funds from our tree allocation and the vote was unanimously approved for this request.

**J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- None at this time.

**K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS**

- 90 Heenan Drive – The old plan was originally drawn up in 2009. This plan needs to be re-checked. Kate Orecchio will inquire about this plan and who the attorney is.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

- Seny Ricardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.  
The May 11, 2015 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:04p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held May 11, 2015 are respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Annie Mecca  
Recording Secretary