

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the September 8, 2014 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:

David Skirkanich  
Melissa Smith  
James Malaney

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

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on July 14, 2014. Seny Ricardi seconded the motion. The minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- As of the end of the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, the Financial Report is as follows: used all \$ for Secretarial Fees, \$745.00 out of \$750.00 for Trees and Shrubs, and did not use the funds for the other categories (\$1 for Travel, \$5.00 for postage, \$5.00 for Duplication, \$5.00 for Office Supplies and \$5.00 for Printing and Binding).
- Financial Report - As of the end of July, \$525 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.

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

- A woman from Seaside Avenue had contacted Bryan regarding a tree that UI was supposed to cut down. This tree was ragged but did not come down. Bryan indicated to her that he had no control over which trees UI takes down, but she could call Planning & Zoning to inquire of that particular tree.
- Beautification Project – Seny Ricardi told us about a resident, a Mr. Steven Osnos, of 55 Ingersol Road, Milford, Ct 06460, phone number 203-878-9885, who was inquiring as to the open area on the corner of Ingersol and Timber Trail; whether this was private or city property. Evidently people have been dumping there and there are no signs there at all. Seny Ricardi suggested to Bryan Mancini that the Milford Tree Commission or Milford Trees, Inc. might put together a Beautification Project to clean up that area. Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio will inquire.

## **F. ARBORETUM**

- Dutch Elms – The 4 Dutch Elms were removed. The stumps will be ground down. Tom Hunt brought samples of the infected trees to the CT Dept. of Agriculture and it was confirmed that the infection was in fact Dutch Elm Disease.
- Trees to Be Removed from Duck Pond Area – A Norway Maple is slated for removal on the corner by the car bridge – if they remove it, they should replace it with a native tree, or just leave it if there be no replacement. Kate Orecchio will get clarification on the plans.
- Parsons Corner Clean Up - This project is underway, supervised by Mary Rose Palumbo, Inlands/Wetlands Officer. So far the area has been cleaned removed the thicket, cleared out the invasive plants and are putting in shrubs, trees, etc. in its place. Kate Orecchio will write the approval letter and send it to Mary Rose Palumbo.

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

- There are no open grants at this time.

## **H. TREE NURSERY**

- Clean Up and Upcoming Projects – Bryan Mancini went to the Nursery 2-3 weeks ago to check in. The weeds are overgrown, but there is no mile-a-minute vine there. The fence still needs to be installed.
- Help Available - If anyone knows someone who has a brush hog cutter we can use, that would be appreciated, and also if there is an organization anyone is aware of who needs to implement a community service program to work at the Nursery to let Bryan Mancini know.

## **I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS**

- New Budget and Trees to be planted this Fall – We have \$900.00 in the budget to use for trees; the Commission will use some of these funds for replacement trees and will be working more with Public Works to plant them.

## **J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- None at this time.

## **K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS**

- 364 Orange Avenue – This is a re-subdivision project. It is recommended that that the trees are to be pushed further back from the wire and replace them with more appropriate trees; also the proposed shade trees are too small; these should be larger. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

- Bryan Mancini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seny Riccardi seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The September 8, 2014 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held September 8, 2014 are respectfully submitted,

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