

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

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

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Seny Ricardi

B. CALL TO ORDER

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

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on August 8, 2016. David Skirkanich seconded the motion. The minutes from the August 8, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report – As of August 31, 2016, the Financial Report is as follows: \$525.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$1,000 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

- Walmart and Michael's Arts & Crafts/Sikorsky Credit Union Plaza (Turnpike Square) – Update - Bryan Mancini has taken photos of the stumps left of the trees located in the planting strips. Kate Orecchio will go to the P&Z to look up the Plot Plan for this area to be reviewed.

F. ARBORETUM

- Dutch Elm Disease – Tom Hunt has confirmed that a tree located near Lafayette and another by Cody-White (Liberty Elms) have the disease and will be cut down and will be sent for testing.
- Plaques Order and Fixes– Bryan Mancini has completed the order of Memorial Plaques, as well as putting in for the correction of one of the plaques. The order should be ready by next month.

G. TREE NURSERY

- Nothing to report at this time.

H. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- Gulf Pond Storage Area – Bryan Mancini spoke with Tim Chaucer regarding some replacement trees to be planted around the oxygenator within his Wildlife Museum Center. This project has been put on hold due to the near-drought conditions, making it very difficult to plant at this time.

I. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- America the Beautiful Grant – Milford Trees, Inc. has been approved for this grant. The funds will be used for purchasing the systemic treatments for the trees and also for the purchase of 4 trees to be planted in various locations.

J. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

- None at this time.

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 444 New Haven Avenue – Zone change for 6 residential Units (vacant land) - Bryan Mancini recused himself. Kate Orecchio will write the recommendation letter. The plans meet the requirements.
- 132 & 140 Monroe Street – Plan for 9 new housing units – Property Plan is lacking trees. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter indicating that additional trees be planted in order to provide some privacy for the neighbors behind the property.

L. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously. The September 12, 2016 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held September 12, 2016 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary