

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the September 14, 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  
Seny Ricardi

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

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

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

- David Skirkanich made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on July 13, 2015. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the July 13, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- Financial Report – As of July 31, 2015 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.
- October 13, 2015 – A reminder for the Columbus Day Holiday, our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7pm in Conference Room C.
- Tree vs. Fence – A resident called Bryan Mancini from Laurelton Court to report that a neighbor installed a fence, where several roots had been cut from a tree. This is not a City tree. The resident was concerned if the tree might die because the roots were cut and asked Bryan Mancini his opinion and advice. Bryan Mancini gave the resident professional advice and referred him to another professional.

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

- There is no report at this time.

#### **F. ARBORETUM**

- Elm Trees on Green – The Elm tree that was taken down on Thursday, July 9, 2015, tested positive for Dutch Elm Disease.
- Contact From a New Donor – Bryan Mancini received an email from an Elaine Hoffstadt who indicated to Bryan that she would like to have the Commission choose what kind of tree should be planted in her daughter's memory.

- MFAC this weekend – The Fair is this weekend, Saturday, September 1<sup>9th</sup>, 2015 on the Green, from 9am – 1pm. Bryan Mancini will have a booth there, representing Milford Trees, Inc. and The Milford Tree Commission.
- Hollies on Green's End - Kate Orrechio indicated that the Hollies don't look very healthy and haven't for some time. These were planted according to the City Plan and planted by the electrical outlets so they could be strung with Christmas lights. Bryan Mancini will take a look at them and see what can be done for them, or perhaps replace them.

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

- There are no open grants at this time.

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- Tree replacements have been put on hold due to the drought in this area.

#### **J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- None at this time.

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

- 1613 New Haven Avenue – This is a new proposed Housing Project. The proposal meets or exceeds the requirements. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- 1191 New Haven Avenue – parcel of land that a single-family house will be built on. The proposal meets the requirements. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- The “Old CVS” – Four Birch trees were cut down at this location, as well as a Maple. As a result, there are no trees in this area, only some landscaping. This is the location of a new medical office. A trip to the P&Z to check the Plot Plan is in order.

#### **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 14, 2015 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held September 14, 2015 are respectfully submitted,

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