

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the October 11, 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  
Jim Malaney

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

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

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

- David Skirkanich made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on September 12, 2016. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- Financial Report – As of September 30, 2016, the Financial Report is as follows: \$450.00 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 - Kate Orecchio went to the P&Z to look up the Plot Plans for this area to be reviewed. The plans have been reviewed and the finding are as follows: 54 trees are missing regarding the Walmart property; 16 trees missing from the Turnpike Square property; and 9 are missing from Gusto property. Bryan Mancini will take the plans with the findings to the Planning Enforcement Officer. Kate Orecchio will speak with Phyllis Leggett, Secretary of Planning and Zoning and Land Management regarding a proposed amendment of the tree ordinance to state that Pollarding should not be allowed on shade trees.

#### **F. ARBORETUM**

- Red Bud Trees – Bryan Mancini talked to Tom Hunt regarding the removal of these trees and Mr. Hunt indicated that when we were ready to replace them, he would facilitate the planting of two hybrid Dogwoods in their place.

#### **G. TREE NURSERY**

- Kate Orecchio will speak with the Milford Senior Center about planting a Magnolia tree from the Nursery on their p

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

- Robert Treat Parkway – On Thursday, October 13, 2016, the Garden Club will be planting a Red Oak on the Robert Treat Esplanade.
- Gulf Pond Storage Area – This project is still on hold regarding Tim Chaucer regarding some replacement trees to be planted around the oxygenator within his Wildlife Museum Center.

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

- America the Beautiful Grant – Milford Trees, Inc. has been approved for this grant. The funds have been received and 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**

- 364 Bridgeport Ave. (new site of Dunkin Donuts) – according to the plans there are not enough shade trees. Currently there are three and two more shade trees would be required. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- 1191 New Haven Ave. – Bryan Mancini had already written the letter regarding the property; there are other factors that are being reviewed; Bryan Mancini will revisit the plans.
- 26 Gulf Street – Phase 2 Affordable Housing – The plans meets the requirements. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- Shelland Street Units 17M and 17N – the plans meet the requirements. There is proposed buffering on each side of the property. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- 230 Cherry Street (New Shop Rite site) Proposed Starbucks – there are ample trees on plans and meets the requirements. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

- David Skirkanich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously. The October 11, 2016 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held October 11, 2016 are respectfully submitted,

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