

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 10, 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
Seny Ricardi

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Bryan Mancini made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on October 14, 2014. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved with changes.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - As of the end of October, the Financial Report is as follows: \$450.00 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.
- 2015-2016 Budget – Bryan Mancini will be proposing \$600 for secretarial fees, \$1,000.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1.00 for Travel, \$5.00 for postage, \$5.00 for Duplication, \$5.00 for Office Supplies and \$5.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Members – Bryan Mancini is going to send a letter to Mayor Blake regarding our members, specifically, to remove Jennifer Ibarra and replace her with Seny Ricardi as a regular member, and Bryan Mancini will also call David Skirkanich to learn if he will continue as a regular member, become an alternate or leave the Commission.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

Ingersol Road Update – Seny Ricardi gave us this report via email: “I did meet with Mr. Steven Osnos of 55 Ingersol Road on October 21st at his residence. I was able to tour the land in question across his street and was able to observe the lackluster maintenance of this wooded area. I was able to walk the former walking trail as well. There was trash and

downed trees; we were able to locate the "No Dumping" sign but it is covered in vines and leaves. Looks like it hasn't been touched in years.

I'm not sure if even if we got a volunteer group to head down there to clean if we could do anything substantial, perhaps just removal of the trash. I'd suggest Bryan possibly getting in contact with Steven and you can hear from him directly. Maybe Public Works could help replacing the sign? The "fine for dumping" amount looks to be outdated as well.

Just wanted to give you all an update and let you know how the meeting went. I'd definitely try to keep in contact with Steven throughout the summer and maybe line something up after winter. Thanks, Seny.” Bryan Mancini will email Steve Johnson, Open Space and National Resource Agent regarding this property.

F. ARBORETUM

- Arboretum Sign – Kate Orecchio has the sign and the bracket. The post needs to be fortified and then the sign can be installed.
- Memorial Plaques –the Memorial Plaques are in and will be available soon to be installed accordingly.
- Recreation Department - Paul Piscatelli called Bryan Mancini to inform him that the Recreation Department has \$1,000.00 slated for trees to be planted this coming spring.

G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

H. TREE NURSERY

- The Deer Fence is now installed and awaiting the gate to be built and installed. Bryan Mancini was at the Nursery last week to patch a hole. After the gate is installed, the Nursery project will be complete.

I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- None at this time.

J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- None at this time.

L. ADJOURNMENT

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The November 10, 2014 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held November 10, 2014 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Annie Mecca

Recording Secretary