

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 13, 2017 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:

David Skirkanich
Seny Ricardi

Special Guest

Steve Johnson, Open Space Manager for
the City of Milford

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Bryan Mancini made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on August 14, 2017. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report – As of October 31, 2017, the Financial Report is as follows: \$450.00 in Secretarial Fees, \$1,000.00 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.
- Budget – Bryan Mancini will work on the Budget and will ask for an additional meeting.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

- UI Trimming Policies – Our special guest this evening was Steve Johnson, Open Space Manager for the City of Milford, who came to give us a report on a particular neighborhood in North Milford who feels concern when they see the tree coming down. Ellen Beatty, an Alderwoman wanted to bring the concerns of a homeowner to UI. UI spent the time to speak with this homeowner and explained their process with the trimming and cutting. It was also indicated by UI that they do not have to give any additional notice regarding the cutting over and above what is required in the regulations. In addition, UI has no responsibility to remove the stumps left from the cutting. UI has hired a vendor to remove the stumps. More information will forthcoming from Steve Johnson in the near future.

F. ARBORETUM

- Update on Several Areas –
- North St. Duck Pond – it has been bonded to be dredged.
- The City replaced the tree that was damaged from the accident that occurred on June 24, 2017, as well as the bench that was damaged.
- The Ash Tree in front of City Hall will be taken down starting tomorrow, November 14, 2017.

G. TREE NURSERY

- Nothing to report at this time.

H. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- Mayor's Initiative - Steve Johnson, the Open Space Manager for the City of Milford, our guest speaker this evening came to update us regarding Mayor Ben Blake's 200-tree planting initiative to take place this fall. A new video was produced called, "A Minute with the Mayor" that will soon be uploaded to the City's website. A partnership has been formed between Mr. Johnson, Mayor Blake, the Milford Tree Commission and Milford Trees, Inc., to help identify areas in Milford that would benefit from this project; to identify the types of trees that would grow and thrive in these areas and the logistics that would go into executing the planting and the care of these trees. This initiative will benefit from the neighborhood's support and buy-in of the project. The first tree planting will be through the Irish Heritage Club and Milford Trees, Inc.. The proposed tree will be a White Oak and planted as a memorial tree for Mr. Steve Kraffmiller, along with a commemorative plaque. The proposed location for this tree is Wilcox Park. More information will be available soon as to when the planting will take place.

I. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- America the Beautiful Grant – Bryan Mancini is waiting for a status update from Chris Donnelly with a schedule regarding inspection of the projects that have been completed and then close out the grant.

J. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- None at this time.

K. 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 13, 2017 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 7:55pm.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held November 13, 2017 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca, Recording Secretary