

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Mary Ludwig, Dave Skirkanich

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on September 12, 2011. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - \$525.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$25.00 for postage, \$25.00 for Duplication, \$25.00 for Office Supplies and \$25.00 for Printing and Binding.
- The Budget for next year was discussed; we will ask for the same amounts we had last year.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- No report at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Seaside Avenue Trees: We are waiting for the evaluation letter – the stone wall is an issue (costs).
- Victory Circle: Milford Trees, Inc. planted 9 trees in the fronts yards of the neighbors on that street. The neighbors asked for a “block-wide” planting. Kate Orecchio received a phone call from Tree Warden Rich Tomasco saying the tress should go on the snow shelf – it is not a planting strip. Kate indicated that she would inquire of a professional arborist as to what trees could be planted there.

G. ARBORETUM

- A sign at the Arboretum is now missing (which blew away in one of the recent storms) across from Lafayette Street that needs to be replaced.
- Steve Wing has the Signs for the trees in the Arboretum are spring-loaded ID tags to be installed. Most probably a weekend day will have to be scheduled now in order to install them.

H. OPEN GRANTS

- There are no open grants at this time.

I. TREE NURSERY

- Milford Trees, Inc. was awarded a DEEP Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 – this can help re-organize the Nursery, including placing the trees on a stake line instead of them sitting in mulch.
- The “Mile-A-Minute” vine is still an issue, and bothering a potted Dogwood there.

J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- None at this time.

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Key Hyundai is requesting permission to lease a city parcel that is next to their property in order to park some of their cars there. This is up for approval in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, November 15. The recommendation would be that they increase the tree count to reflect the current zoning.

M. SPECIAL NOTE

- Kate Orecchio Brought to our attention that Greenhouse Gas levels have increased by 6% last year, as reported on Page 11 of the Connecticut Post. The Tree Commission believes this should be taken into consideration and therefore more trees should be planted, especially since we’ve lost so many trees due to Hurricane Irene and the recent Autumn Nor’Easter.

N. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney moved to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The November 14, 2011 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:12p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held November 14, 2011 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Annie Mecca

Recording Secretary