

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the December 9, 2013 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney
David Skirkanich
Melissa Smith
Seny Ricardi
Jennifer Ibarra

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

David Skirkanich, Jennifer Ibarra,
Jennifer Ibarra, Jim Malaney

B. CALL TO ORDER

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

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Seny Ricardi made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on November 12, 2013. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the November 12, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - \$450 for Secretarial Fees, \$750.00 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.
- Milford Tree Commission Meeting dates for 2014– January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 14 (Tuesday) November 11, December 8.
- Appointments - Bryan Mancini is up for re-appointment for next year, and he has once again put his name in for Chairman of the Tree Commission. As of this meeting there has been no status update.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- No Report at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- There is no report at this time.

G. ARBORETUM

- West End of Green – The Milford Tree Commission worked with Public Works and got 25 trees planted plus 5 more were planted for replacements. Kate Orecchio was there to observe. Friday, Kate Orecchio went down there with the Alternative Ed. Kids to plant two more trees. They are all lit up now for the holidays.
- Continued Planting Plan – Bryan Mancini spoke with Tom Hunt of Public Works regarding the trees coming from Planter’s Choice to put some of those trees by the electrical boxes.
- Removals on the Green – Previous discussions regarding the Crab Apple trees planted around the Milford Bank took place between Bryan Mancini, Bruce Lindsay and Sean O’Neil. Bryan Mancini indicated that some are rotting, dropping material. The best option would be to remove them and replace these Crab Apple trees with something else, perhaps something smaller and ornamental in structure.
- Managing Committee - Bryan Mancini is working on developing and establishing a committee of people to be responsible for the Arboretum. Bryan Mancini will meet with the Mayor regarding this project, and Bryan will work on this over the winter.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

I. TREE NURSERY

- UI Grant – was submitted. Bryan Mancini sent the bill for \$1000.00; the money will be reimbursed to Milford Trees, Inc. for trees and continuing Nursery road work.
- Donated Trees from Planter’s Choice – Planter’s Choice is donating 30 trees to Milford Trees, Inc. and also the Milford Tree Commission. The Commission will take an order of trees that include Pears, Purple Leaf Plum, Hornbeam, Linden and Japanese Snowbell.

J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Seaside Avenue Park – 11 trees were planted. This project is no complete.

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 142 West Town Street - Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini are looking into the plans that Gail Korman brought to our meeting two months ago to have a Honey Locust tree planted.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seny Ricardi seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The December 9, 2013 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held December 9, 2013 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary