

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
January 19, 2010**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Bill Poutray, Keith Dunn, Oden Seaholm, Carolyn Greer, Carol Dunn, Dan Drago, Danielle Bercury and new member Kathy Kobishyn.
- 2. Review Minutes** – Minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
- 3. Public Comments** – No public comments.
- 4. Unfinished Business**
  - a) Deer Tick Prevention** – Carol Dunn reported that Mike DeGrego contacted the person who sells the deer tick apparatus and he told Mike that he cannot sell the apparatus in Connecticut. Oden reported that he did some research on deer tick prevention and passed around the information he had gathered. Currently the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Rhode Island and New York have done testing and they are reporting a 92 to 98% success rate. The testing site is restricted to a 4 to 5 acre area. Each site will use one 4 poster deer treatment bait station. Oden reported that 90% of ticks congregate on a deer's head and the life cycle of a tick is two years. When the deer lowers their head to feed in the station, the treatment rubs on the deer's necks and ears. The bait stations can only be sold to a licensed pesticide operator. Bill would be interested in seeing if this would be available for Silver Sands where he believes there are 50 to 60 deer. He asked Oden if would be willing to contact the DEP to see if they would be interested in conducting a pilot project at Silver Sands. Carol Dunn will call her contact at the DEP and find out who Oden should speak to.
  - b) Conservation Awards Program** – Carolyn handed out her outline with the recommendations for the First Annual Milford Conservation Awards. Carolyn took all suggestions made at the November meeting into consideration when making up the recommendations. She made up several different categories that she thought would meet the needs for Milford. There were suggestions made regarding a Lifetime Achievement Award. Bill would like to form a sub-committee to discuss this in more detail. Dan, Danielle, Keith and Carolyn will plan to meet the evening of February 4<sup>th</sup>. Prior to this meeting, they will exchange ideas via email, i.e., compile a list of all places for PR, decide what information to send to the newspapers, ideas for a flyer, etc. Bill will speak to Mike Konopka in order to include the Awards nomination form on the Milford Open Space website.

**b) Conservation Awards Program (Cont'd)** - Kathy would like to connect the form to the Garden Club website as well. There was also discussion if there was enough time prior to Earth Day to coordinate this project. Kathy suggested the May Market (weekend prior to Mother's Day) might be a good place to give out the awards.

**c) Winter Walks** – Tabled until the next meeting.

**d) Solomon Tree Stand** – After discussion about this at the December meeting, Bill and Oden went back to the Solomon property and gathered coordinates with a GPS. They gave this information to John Hangen who was able to determine this tree stand is not on the homeowner's property. It is clearly on the Solomon property on a hiking path. John supplied Bill with a Google map of the area showing this. Bill was going to contact the city attorney regarding this discovery.

**e) Subway Grant** – Bill informed everyone and wanted to thank the Fred DeLuca Foundation for awarding a \$5,000 grant to abate the invasive species in Mondo Ponds. Vincent Piselli is going to coordinate this project with the assistance of Annaliese Spaziati. Vincent has asked Dan Drago, who works at Subway, to be the liaison for the project. Dan will meet with Vincent and Annaliese.

## **5) New Business**

**a) Great River Access Issues** – Bill and Steve Kraffmiller, a retired civil engineer, did a walk through of the Great River Public Access and found it to be in deteriorating condition. Bill has spoken to the greens keeper at Great River who said that there has been a great deal of vandalism which makes it difficult to maintain. Bill and Steve will meet with the greens keeper to discuss a cooperative effort between the City and Great River to improve conditions there.

**b) Family Walks Training** – Vincent Piselli sent an email to Bill regarding this training which was scheduled to take place Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. He will send to everyone on the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission

