

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Conservation Commission
City of Milford
February 17, 2009**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Bill Poutray, Oden Seaholm, Carol Dunn, Maureen Mauro, Carolyn Greer, Danielle Bercury, Vincent Piselli and new member Dan Drago.
2. Bill welcomed new commissioner, Dan Drago.
3. Public Comments – No public comments.
4. Old Business
 - a) Yale Forestry School project – Vincent had nothing new to report. The commission members spoke about the walk-through that the DEP conducted in Eisenhower Park to address repairs to the waterway and dam. This report should be available shortly. This; however, is a separate project from what the Yale Forestry school would be working on in Eisenhower Park or possibly Beaver Brook.
 - b) Furniture Row – Carol had nothing new to report on this project. She said that the remediation is in process. She has a call into her contact regarding this project and will wait for further information. Carol will find out if the environmental company in charge of this project has started conducting soil and water sampling to see if the remediation is detoxifying.
 - c) Conservation Commission Office – Mike DeGrego will begin working on the office in the next one to two weeks. Maureen will email the commission members with the dates he plans to be in the office.
 - d) Laminated Maps – Maureen brought the laminated maps to the meeting. One map shows town owned parcels. The second map shows Milford Land Trust properties. Bill would like to devote the March meeting to familiarizing the commission with these maps. A question was raised if there is a map that shows privately owned open space. Carol will look into this. Maureen had the billing paperwork for the lamination process and said the city moved money from the Conservation Commission's training budget into the office supply budget in order to pay Maureen for the lamination of the maps. She will put the paperwork in a folder in the Conservation Commission office. Bill also mentioned he is now receiving monthly budget statements from the city for the Conservation Commission.

4. Old Business (Cont'd)

- e) Cornerstone Christian Church – This project was approved by Planning and Zoning. Bill did have an opportunity to speak with David Sulkis about this project. The commission members also agreed that they have to keep within the ten day time frame with their response to proposed projects and possibly attend future Planning and Zoning meetings to present letters in person.
- f) West River Street property follow-up – Maureen found two listings for this property totaling \$895,000 for both parcels on four acres.

5. New Business

- a) Revised Milford Hospital expansion – Bill reported that Milford Hospital has reconfigured their plans for their additional buildings. The plan consolidates the originally-designed buildings into one LEED-silver certified building.
- b) Potential Farmer Representative/Commissioner – It was discussed at the Mayor's Open Space Advisory Committee meeting about developing an Agricultural Commission in Milford to address the preservation of farmland in Milford. Bill suggested that an alternate, at least for the short term, would be to have a local farmer fill the empty seat on the Conservation Commission. Maureen also mentioned including the people in Milford who own horse farms.
- c) Earth Day – Vincent reported that Earth Day will take place on May 23rd at nine sites in Milford with Eisenhower Park being the main organizational site. The cost this year to attend will be \$2.00 per person. Vincent said all the information about Earth Day can be found on the website by going to Google and entering "Milford Earth Day".
- d) Intern Report – Bill had a copy of the report put together by Brian Webster, intern hired by Barbara Milton and will make a copy for the members of the Conservation Commission.
- e) Carol reported that there were no new plans this month.
- f) Land Use Academy – Bill passed around information regarding the next Land Use Academy sessions. There is one on March 21st in Stamford and one on May 16th in Storrs.

- g) Carolyn asked about any updates on the Holiday Inn proposed subdivision. Bill said there had been a change in the setback and some of the open space was lost due to this.
- h) Beaver Brook – A question was raised about Kingdom Life's acquisition of this property which took place several years ago. Carol reported that the acquisition of this property was approved by then Mayor Fred Lisman and approved by the Board of Alderman. The City and Kingdom Life Church share maintenance responsibilities.
- i) Boardwalk between Silver Sands and Walnut Beach – This project has been put on hold. Bill mentioned the land fill space at Silver Sands that is currently fenced off, but would be a good place to put in some walking trails.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Berberich
Minutes not approved by the commission