

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
March 16, 2010**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Bill Poutray, Keith Dunn, Oden Seaholm, Maureen Mauro, Carolyn Greer, Carol Dunn, Kathy Kobishyn and guest Mike DeGrego.
- 2. Review Minutes** – The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously. There was no February meeting due to inclement weather.
- 3. Public Comments** – No public comments.
- 4. Unfinished Business**

- a) Conservation Awards** – Since the January meeting, a sub-committee met to further discuss the conservation awards. They created a new nomination form for the awards with all the suggestions that were made. They also developed a flyer announcing the First Annual Conservation Awards program which will be attached to the nomination form. The sub-committee also developed a draft of places in Milford where the nomination form and flyer should be distributed to. Each member of the Conservation Commission will be assigned specific places to distribute the nomination form and flyer. There was discussion about the cost of the printing for this project. Bill said there is money in the office supply budget to cover the printing. There was a suggestion of selling advertising to offset the cost of printing, but a question was raised about a city commission selling advertising.

It was agreed that these awards should be handed out sometime in the Fall in order to allow the appropriate amount of time for the nomination process. The commission members discussed several places which might be appropriate to hand out these awards, i.e., Fowler Pavilion, City Hall or possibly a Board of Alderman meeting. Carolyn will email all the information to Bill. Bill will also speak to Mike Konopka about putting this information on the city's website. Kathy brought in an article from a local newspaper regarding the same type of event in Bethany titled "Nominations Sought" and thought we should put the same type of article in the Milford Mirror and Weekly. It was also agreed that a framed certificate would be sufficient for the awards. Bill asked everyone to look over the nomination form and flyer prior to the next meeting in order to discuss it further.

- b) **Oronoque Road Variance Petition** – The petition before the ZBA for the “parking lot” off Oronoque Road was withdrawn because of a technicality. There were 150 people in attendance at the meeting to oppose the variance petition. Danielle Bercury is helping Bill develop a statement from the Conservation Commission regarding this.
- c) **Dam Repair Plans** – There are plans in place mandated by the DEP to repair the dam near city hall. Two trees have to be removed because the roots are growing under the dam. This project is scheduled to take place during the summer. Bill would like to see the trees that are removed be replaced somewhere else.
- d) **Milford Open Space Survey** – Bill handed out the raw survey results from the Mayor’s open space survey. The commission spent some time looking over the results and Bill asked everyone to look it over further. He feels the survey might assist with moving some projects along, i.e., fixing trails in Eisenhower Park, etc. It was agreed that this survey might help develop more interest in upcoming open space walks.
- e) **Open Space Walks** – It was agreed that the walks need to be scheduled far enough ahead to get the information in the newspapers and on the City of Milford website. Oden said he would like to see a few Spring open space walks. It was suggested the Milford Mirror be invited to accompany the Conservation Commission on an open space walk of the Solomon Property. It was suggested that Sunday would be the best day of the weekend for the walks probably around 1 – 2 p.m.

5. New Business

- a) **Richter Farms Plans** – The commission members looked over plans for a three lot subdivision on 169 Oronoque Road. There is already one house on the property with plans to build two additional houses. Inlands and Wetlands has no problems with the plans. Bill will look over the plans.
- b) **P & Z Regulation Changes** – Carol brought in regulation changes she received from Planning & Zoning. Bill will look these over. Carol also brought in a letter she received from the DEP regarding erosion control at Laurel Beach.
- c) **Elect Officers** – Bill Poutray was re-elected as Chairman, Maureen Mauro was elected Vice-Chairman and Carol Dunn was elected Secretary.
- d) **Budget and Remaining Balances** – Bill discussed the budget and remaining balances for the Conservation Commission.

- e) **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Room on the 2nd floor of the Parsons Complex.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich

Minutes not approved by the Commission