

**Minutes of the
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
Tuesday, April 19, 2016– 6:00 p.m.
Site Visit – Milford Point Road Elevation, Pedestrian Walkway and Boardwalk
Meet at Walnut Beach Parking Lot – Next to Pavilion**

Chair Maureen Mauro DeSantie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

- a) Members Present: Carolyn Alling, Claire Casey, Dan Drago, Maureen Mauro DeSantie, Janet McAllister, Keith Dunn, Oden Seaholm, and Ryan Keeler.
- b) Absent: Jerry Loiselle
- c) Staff: Steve Johnson, Open Space and Natural Resource Agent and Chris Saley, Director of Public Works

2. Public Comments

- a) None

3. Site Walk – Milford Point Road project area and review of engineering plans prepared by Milone and MacBroom. Chris Saley led the project site walk. A key portion of the walk focused on the sidewalk starting at 1st Avenue and the proposed boardwalk area south of # 182 Milford Point Road.

4. Return to Walnut Beach Pavilion for discussion.

- a) **Road elevation and storm water drainage** to vegetated zones. Plans specified the following for each zone:

1. Road Edge Zone

- 1. Spartina Patens** - Saltmeadow cordgrass

2. Marsh Shoulder Zone

- 1. Solidago Sempervirens** - Seaside goldenrod; **IVA Frutescens** – Marsh elder; **Baccharis halimifolia** - Groundsel bush

3. Marsh Edge Zone

- 1. Scirpus Robustus** - Saltmarsh Bulrush; *Spartina Alterniflora* - Smooth cordgrass; *Juncas Gerardi* – Black grass.

- b) **Guard rail** preference is for none. If a rail is required, the preference is for a natural wood rail rather than metal.
- c) **Commissioners appreciated the** public access amenities of the sidewalk and boardwalk overlooking the Charles E. Wheeler Marsh.
- d) **Claire Casey motioned** to recommend the support for this project, Ryan Keeler seconded. There was no discussion. Voted 8 in favor to accept the plans as submitted.

5. Review of Minutes

- a) **Meeting 3/19/2016** – Keith Dunn motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Ryan Keeler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. It was voted 8 in favor to approve.

6. Old Business

- a) **Open Space monitoring – no updates.**
- b) **Janet McAllister is preparing a Native Plant Information Resource DropBox for sharing.**
- c) **No Liaison reports.**

7. Next meeting - Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 – Weather permitting, suggested to meet at the lower Eisenhower Park parking lot. Other options to be considered.

- a) Allow for a review of the CT Land Conservation Council (CLCC) highlights by Commissioners and staff that attended.**
- b) Review Milford Coastal Resilience projects**

Motion: By Mr. Keith Dunn to adjourn.

Second: By Mr. Drago

Vote: Voted 8:0, All in favor of adjournment at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson
Open Space and Natural Resource Agent
These minutes have not been accepted or approved.