

**Minutes of the  
Conservation Commission – City of Milford  
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – 6 p.m.  
Parsons Conference Room A, Parson's Government Center**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call - The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Janet McAllister, Dan Drago, Howard Haberman, Carolyn Alling, and Oden Seaholm

**Absent:** Keith Dunn, Jerry Loiselle, Claire Casey, and Ryan Keeler,

**Staff Liaison –** Steve Johnson, Open Space & Natural Resource Agent

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comments – No comments**

**4. Minutes – May 16, 2017.** Dan Drago motioned to revise the May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 minutes to reflect the May 16<sup>th</sup> date, not the 17<sup>th</sup> as included on the original version. Discussion on the minutes took place. The motion to accept the minutes of May 16, 2017 as corrected was seconded by Howard Haberman was passed 5:0.

**5. New Business**

- a) Janet McAllister asked for a motion to amend the New Business to discuss several items including commissioner vacancy. Dan Drago motioned to add this as a new business item. Howard Haberman seconded the motion. Discussion of commissioner qualities that would continue to help strengthen the Conservation Commission. Commissioners will consider possible members to make recommendations to the Mayor for his consideration.
- b) Another discussion briefly focused on coastal fireworks.

**6. Unfinished Business Updates**

- a. Earth Day projects – Johnson updated the commissioners on two recent native perennial plantings at Bodies Place, Parsons outdoor courtyard, and at the City Hall Flag Pole. Dassault Systems and the Girl Scout Daisy Troop 30347 contributed a total of \$900 toward these projects. Milford Earth Day contributed an additional \$900 towards these community projects. Additional weeding, watering, and mulching will be needed to help these projects be a success.
- b. CIRCA Dune Grant & UI Donation – Johnson briefly discussed the generous \$10,000 contribution that UI made to continue expanding the dune restoration at Walnut Beach. Janet McAllister and Carolyn Alling offered to assist with developing a future project action plan.
- c. Bluebird box project – discussion and update on boxes installed. Johnson will contact DEEP to get permission to install some boxes at Silver Sands State Park where some Eastern Bluebirds were seen earlier this year. Three elementary schools are also interested in participating.
- d. Open Space Monitoring Checklist – Claire Casey's students created a box for form distribution and collections. It is nicely decorated as a "Nature Walk

Checklist”. McAllister will edit the on-line form to remove the Google Map location.

- e. Application Development Checklist – No updates.
- f. 701 North Street – Janet reviewed her previous parcel inventory and draft open space concepts, actions, and next steps for the conservation commission. Johnson will reach out to get some estimated costs for site preparation. Johnson and McAllister will work on a draft sketch to help create a visual of what the site might look like. McAllister will ask Tom Morris and Tom Barry for some site advice as well.
- g. Commissioner Liaisons Updates to Boards and Commissions: Flood Erosion Control Board – Carolyn Alling reviewed brief minutes of drainage projects

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- 7. Motion to Adjourn was made by Dan Drago and seconded by Carolyn Alling at 7:31 p.m. Motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson

Open Space and Natural Resource Agent.

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.