

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
8-24 Portion of Indian Hill Road Application for 0 Myers Lane
Meet at the Gulf Beach Parking Lot near the Fishing Pier**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Carolyn Alling, Claire Casey, Dan Drago, Maureen Mauro DeSantie, Oden Seaholm, and Ryan Keeler.

Absent: Janet McAllister, Jerry Loiselle, Keith Dunn

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

Applicant: Mark Leso, husband of Lisa Leso, was present together with Attorney Kevin Curseaden

Public: Lewis Eisenberg, 26 Ward Street, Milford CT

2. New Business

- a) P&Z Application 8-24 Portion of Indian Hill Road for 0 Myers Lane,
- b) Map 37, Block 520, Parcel 15DD access to Map 37, Block 520, Parcel 16A
 - 1. Application review - A brief overview of the application was provided by Steve Johnson & Attorney Curseaden to the Commissioners. Attorney Curseaden stated that the City parcel at 0 Myers Lane was dedicated to the City without Open Space deed restrictions in 1969 from the 8 lot Myers Lane sub-division.
 - 2. 0 Myers Lane site visit – The 0 Indian Hill Road map dated 11/17/14 was oriented at the site. Commissioners walked the approximate existing common parcel boundary of the 0 Indian Hill Road parcel and portions of the abutting City parcel at 0 Myers Lane.
 - 3. Steve Johnson showed City of Milford GIS Aerials of this area and how the 0 Myers Lane parcel connects to three other City parcels each with a 0 Old Field Lane address, MBL 37/520/10, /9, /11 comprising approx. 33.76 acres in total for the three other City parcels.
 - 4. Access to the 0 Oldfield Lane Parcel 37/520/10, 14.79 acres is presently from the 0 Myers lane parcel.
 - 5. Commissioners discussed features of the site and the proposed application. Issues discussed included public access, existing encroachment of lawn and neighborhood dumping of yard waste, setting precedent for other potential requests to buy City property, and other possible options to avoid the sale of property.
 - 6. Attorney Curseaden provided a draft of suggested criteria in favor of the 8-24 application.
- c) **Motion** - Dan Drago made a motion for the following recommendations assuming that the facts of this application as provided by the Applicant are correct. Further, the Conservation Commission is considering the specific conservation issues of this application at 0 Myers Lane only. This is not intended to set a precedent of

selling City property except on a case by case basis. The Conservation Commission is requesting the following:

1. The City is to receive a permanent easement for public pedestrian access to access the 0 Myers Lane and the other contiguous City owned parcels at 0 Oldfield Lane referenced above.
 2. That no other prudent and appropriate Planning and Zoning alternatives exist such as a shared driveway with the existing # 20 Myers Lane residence.
 3. Consideration should be given for a land swap providing contiguous land with zero net impacts to the City acreage. This potential for this land swap is unknown at this time and would require additional information for City department, agency, and board review.
 4. That the Applicant will submit a Natural Diversity Database application to DEEP to confirm that the proposed land sale is outside the NDDDB area as verbally stated by Attorney Curseaden.
 5. Conservation Commission is requesting that the design and materials of the snow shelf that was verbally described by the Attorney Curseaden should be deferred to Milford Inland Wetlands, Engineering and Public Works.
 6. Conservation Commission is requesting that the mitigation of the neighborhood dumping of yard waste debris and to prevent future dumping on the City's 0 Myers Lane parcel be deferred to Milford Inland Wetlands.
 7. Conservation Commission is requesting that the Milford Tree Commission review the trees in the proposed project area for any cutting or trimming necessary.
- d) The motion was seconded by Ryan Keeler.
- e) It was voted 6:0, All in favor.

Motion: By Claire Casey to adjourn.

Second: By Dan Drago

Vote: Voted 6:0, All in favor of adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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