

**Minutes of the
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 – 6 p.m.**

Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson called to order the September 15, 2015 meeting of the Conservation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. Call to Order / Roll Call** - Present: Steve Johnson, Jerry Loiselle, Ryan Keeler, Claire Casey, Maureen Mauro DeSantie.

Absent: Keith Dunn, Bill Poutray, Oden Seaholm, Dan Drago

3. Public Comments

- a) None

- 4. Minutes** –Maureen Mauro DeSantie motioned to accept the minutes of August 18, 2015 as submitted and Claire Casey seconded. The minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were accepted unanimously.

5. New Business

- a) Wepawaug River Watershed Alliance – Update on Water Quality Sampling grant. Steve Johnson provided a brief update. The final sampling has been completed. A final end of grant report will be developed to report on the findings.
- b) Milford Green – Historic Preservation – Steve Johnson said there is an effort underway to have the Milford Green parcels listed as historical properties. Michelle Kramer from the Milford Preservation Trust is working with the CT SHPO office to explore options.
- c) Walnut Beach Dune & Berm Restoration Grant Proposal Overview – Steve Johnson will be seeking to submit a CIRCA Coastal Resiliency grant in October to remove the invasive Japanese Knotweed growing in the Walnut Beach dune area and restore it with native salt tolerant coastal vegetation. Exploring ways to mitigating future flood risk to Heritage Sound Condominiums was also mentioned as an important concern by Jerry Loiselle.

6. Unfinished Business

- a) MI-4 – Beaver Brook Boardwalk – Steve Johnson is finalizing the Request for Quote for design specifications of the boardwalk and demolition of the damaged structure.
- b) MI-2 Milford “Beaver Brook” Reservoir
 - 1. Key Hyundai Tree maintenance – leased fence perimeter - Key Hyundai requested to cut / trim trees along the leased fence area. Steve said it would be about an 8’ area that could also provide future walking trail access to the rear reservoir. Steve referred Key Hyundai to Milford Inland Wetlands.

2. UI / Metro North Service Road Cut – Steve Johnson updated the commissioners on a service road cut that will be done late September and early October 2015 by UI to upgrade electrical service to Metro North. It will be along the northern edge of the parcel near I-95. After the work is completed, the area will be re-seeded with native vegetation. Steve will visit the site later this month.
 - c) Silver Sands State Park – DEEP Facility Plans & Public Hearings – CT DEEP's application for the Silver Sands State Park that is on file at the Milford City Clerk's office was discussed. Commissioners were encouraged to read about the overall plans including the comments submitted by the CT DEEP Wildlife Division on December 23, 2013. After discussion, a motion was suggested by Jerry Loiselle to notice a special meeting of the Conservation Commission on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. The motion was made to meet to develop a recommendation by the Milford Conservation Commission to CT DEEP about their application was made by Steve Johnson, and seconded by Maureen Mauro DeSantie. It was approved unanimously.
- 7. Upcoming Events and Workshops** – Commissioners were encouraged to attend any of the following events. Steve Johnson asked Conservation Commissions to advise him of anyone who would like to attend the CACIWC Conference so the budget could be reviewed to ensure re-imbursement for the registration fee.
- a) LIS Dredging Plan – ACOE Public Review, Thursday, 9/17/2015, Omni Hotel New Haven 5:30 p.m. Registration.
 - b) NOAA's Milford Lab Fisheries Service Open House, Saturday, October 17th, 9am – 1 pm
 - c) Annual CACIWC Conference, Saturday, November 14, 2015, Wallingford.

Steve Johnson called for a motion to adjourn. Maureen Mauro DeSantie made the motion and Jerry Loiselle seconded. It was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:01p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson
Vice Chair, Conservation Commission

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.