

**Minutes of the
Conservation Commission – City of Milford
Tuesday, September 19, 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 6:03 p.m.**
Members Present: Janet McAllister, Dan Drago, Howard Haberman, Carolyn Alling, Claire Casey, Ryan Keeler, Keith Dunn, and Oden Seaholm
Absent: Jerry Loiselle, and Howard Haberman
Staff Liaison – Steve Johnson, Open Space & Natural Resource Agent
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comments – No comments**
- 4. Minutes – August 15, 2017.** Claire Casey motioned to accept the August 15, 2017 minutes. No Discussion. Keith Dunn seconded the motion and the motion passed 7:0.
- 5. New Business - None**
- 6. Unfinished Business Updates**
 - a. **701 North Street** – Reviewed the aerial mock-up that Janet created. Reviewed proposed parking, how to get cost estimates for vegetation management, tree removals, and plan for future maintenance. Keith Dunn offered to do field maintenance with a tractor brush hog (6' width) if he has permission from the City. Steve will check with local tree company to get a price estimate to cut selected apple trees. We could check with Public Works for their availability.
 - b. **MS-4 Public Outreach** – Overview of the Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) program and Milford's responsibilities. Discussion for ways to leverage social media to focus on local challenges in our waterways. Bacterial and nutrient impairments due to waterfowl, pets, lawn practices etc. Ways to educate residents and commercial landscapers was explored. More information is needed.
 - c. **City Tree Planting** – Johnson updated the commissioners about this project. Johnson is trying to work with Milford Tree Commission, Milford Trees etc.
 - d. **Volunteer Native Plant Pollinator gardens** – Johnson updated progress and success of two projects this year. These projects need TLC care for the first two years – difficult to get volunteers to make this level of commitment. Various future projects were discussed.
 - i. Johnson will coordinate a volunteer project that commissioners could provide several volunteer morning weekend hours in Early October
 - e. **CIRCA Dune Grant & UI Donation** – Johnson update on All-Habitat treatment.
 - f. **Bluebird box project** – Johnson had not been able to get an answer from DEEP to get permission to install some next boxes at Silver Sands State Park. Janet will follow-up with Joe Maler from CT DEEP (Johnson will forward contact information to Janet.)
- 7. Motion to Adjourn** was made by Dan Drago and seconded by Keith Dunn at 7:23p.m. Motion passed 7:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson
Open Space and Natural Resource Agent.

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.

