

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Conservation Commission – City of Milford
September 21, 2010**

1. **Roll Call** – Maureen Mauro, Dan Drago, Bill Poutray, Kathy Kobishyn, Carolyn Greer and Danielle Bercury.
2. **Public Comment** – No public comments.
3. **Review Minutes** – The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) Open Space Walks – Dan, Maureen and Kathy met for the Eisenhower Park walk this past Sunday, September 19th. There is concern about the fact that only a few people are attending the scheduled walks. It was agreed that these walks need to be organized well ahead of time in order to publicize them to attract a larger group of people. Dan did send out an email to a large group of people prior to the Eisenhower Park walk asking for a response. He did receive many responses, but many people were not able to attend. It was also agreed that it is important to have a person lead the walk who is familiar and knowledgeable about the specific area. It does not have to be someone in the Conservation Commission.

Bill brought a copy of The Eisenhower Park Revitalization Plan which he received recently. This plan was a study of Eisenhower Park that the DEP conducted a few years ago. Danielle is going to scan the plan and then make arrangements to have Kathy Kobishyn pick it up from her. Kathy will read it and bring it back to the next meeting to pass on to another commission member. Bill explained that this study was requested by Mayor Richetelli and is a physical assessment of the park with recommendations. It is not meant to be about use planning.

The next walk is scheduled to take place at the Connecticut Audubon Society Coastal Center on Sunday, October 3rd at 1:30 p.m. rain or shine. Bill handed out a press release he composed and will send to the local newspapers. Dan will also send out an announcement to the regular email distribution list.

b) Conservation Awards – The announcement about the awards was in the local newspapers last week and 100+ announcement and nomination forms have been passed out. The commission members each have a list of specific groups within Milford that they are distributing the forms to.

Bill asked all the commission members to take the time to read the plan of conservation and development that is posted on the City of Milford website. This plan is reviewed every ten years and is up for review next year. He feels it is very important that the members look at the plan to determine if anything is missing, what are the likes/dislikes of the plan and the language of the plan. He said this document is an important way the Conservation Commission will be able to have an influence on Planning and Zoning regulations.

Looking forward, Maureen suggested that at the November meeting, The Conservation Commission layout goal planning for the whole year. Bill agreed that this would be an excellent idea and will contact everyone on the commission to make sure they are available to attend the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berberich
Minutes not approved by the Commission