

Minutes of the Conservation Commission – City of Milford
November 15, 2022 – 6 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:01pm

Members Present: Catherine Williams, Cheryl Cappiali, Claire Casey, Howard Haberman, Ryan Keeler, Carolyn Alling

Absent: Greg Tweedie

Staff Liaison: Jeremy Grant, Open Space and Sustainability Agent

2. Public Comments – None

3. Minutes - approval of October 18, 2022, Minutes – Claire Casey motioned to approve, Howard Haberman seconded. No discussion, motion approved 6:0

4. Chair Report – Cheryl Cappiali

a. CACIWC – Cheryl Cappiali and Carolyn Alling went to the conference on October 29, 2022. We attended workshops on Bears, Landscape Planning for Mental Health and Rivers and Watercourses: The Importance of Riparian Zones. Members would like to work on a plan to get school children into the woods

b. The Thule Clean-up at Walnut Beach – They are committed this project – they want to do it again in the Spring. They did a lot of cleaning up and they had a lot of fun. A friendly competition between the two groups yielded 19 bags of garbage the 1st day and 29 bags of garbage the 2nd day. Wilcox Park might be a place to go in the Spring, perhaps to remove invasive plants.

5. Open Space and Sustainability Agent's Report – Jeremy Grant

a. Tree Planting: Planted 46 trees (10 – 16 feet tall)

DPW will plant 24 more balled and burlaped trees in Arboretum areas.

In the past 2 years the City and its residents (tree giveaway) have planted 1,200 -1,300 trees.

b. UI will change transmission lines along rail lines from here to New Haven. Jeremy Grant made them aware of the potential that they will be spreading invasives. They will have a specialist identify the invasives ahead of the work which will start in about 3 years. They were made aware that they should not store the invasives on site, it must be trucked away and it can't be spread in any other places.

6. Old Business

Spotted Lantern Fly – they are laying eggs right now. Preferred plant is Tree of Heaven, they should be removed from City property when practical. The Ag. Station has info. The Conservation Commission should have an educational role. We can pick an area to experiment on.

Work party, Sunday December 4, 2022, 10 am. Wilcox Park.

Official Meeting at Noon.

5. New Business

“Invasive Plants in Your Backyard” – Jeremy will ask the City to buy more - .55 cents each

Motion to adjourn by Catherine Williams seconded by Howard Haberman.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Alling
Conservation Commissioner