

**Minutes of the Conservation Commission – City of Milford**  
**March 21, 2023 – 6 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:03 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Catherine Williams, Cheryl Cappiali, Claire Casey, Austin Wheaton, Carolyn Alling

**Absent:** Howard Haberman

**Staff Liaison:** Jeremy Grant, Open Space and Sustainability Agent

**2. Public Comments – None**

**3. Minutes** - approval of January 17, 2023, Minutes – Catherine Williams motioned to approve, Claire Casey seconded. No discussion, motion approved 5:0.

**4. Chair Report – Cheryl Cappiali**

- a. Community engagement – Invasives clean-ups. Jeremy will talk to PW and the Mayor's Office.
- b. Use of Bottle Bill Funds to ramp up education – buy more "Invasive Plants in Your Backyard" identification booklets.
- c. March 5<sup>th</sup> invasives clean-up at Wilcox Park
- d. Earth Day April 22, 2023 – on the Green 10 – 4p.m. invasive plant booklets

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

- a. Earth Day – 50 exhibitors, Band
- b. Third Annual Tree Giveaway, April 29, 2023, 8 a.m. – Noon, lower Eisenhower lot. All native trees, 500 trees to give away, trees will be reserved again.

**6. Old Business**

Cathy Williams – Thule wants to volunteer again, sometime in May, at Wilcox Park. Jeremy will do poison ivy mitigation and get the bush puller from Steve.

**7. New Business**

- a. Tiana Perini, potential new commissioner came to introduce herself. She has degrees in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Management and a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Environmental Planning and Management.
- b. Carolyn Alling – suggested the Conservation Commission identify areas near all the public schools where the students can learn outside. Cathy will contact people at Milford Schools to see how we can support their curriculum to do outdoor education at the schools.

**Motion to adjourn by Claire Casey, seconded by Catherine Williams.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Alling  
Conservation Commissioner