Minutes of the The Conservation Commission Meeting – City of Milford Tuesday, August 15, 2023– 6 p.m. Conference Room C

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Howard Haberman, Tiana Perini

Staff Liaison – Jeremy Grant, Open Space and Sustainability Manager, not present. Reports that the budget for the Conservation Commission is \$1,105.00, per Cheryl. **Public Comments** – Abby Bernstein – recent college graduate (environmental science) She asked about social media. Storm drains education for Earth Day next year.

2. Minutes – Approval of the June 20, 2023 minutes, recorded by Catherine Williams. Approved with the addition of the roll call, Claire Casey motioned to approve, Carolyn Alling seconded. Approved 5:0.

- 3. Chairs Report Cheryl Cappiali
 - a. Plant Science Day Beech leaf blight foliar nematode, decimating beeches.
 - b. Tree Walk by the tree commission, November 18th 11-2pm.
 - c. Master gardener second Saturday at Wasson Field.
 - d. Spotted Lantern Fly treating them now at the Cemetery and Wasson Field.
 - e. Howard Haberman is busy and has decided to step down.
- 4. Open Space and Sustainability Agent Jeremy Grant

Absent

5. Old Business

- <u>a.</u> <u>P&Z report from Cathy Williams</u>: Update on Subway property pushed back. Ordinance in Laurel Beach area property sold off can now be built on.
- <u>b.</u> James Maroney Library Rd, change
- <u>c.</u> Jumping worms (snake worms) droppings do not support plant life.

6. New Business – tabled until next month

a. Goals for next year

Charles Island Restoration Project

St. Gabriel property – community garden

Eisenhower Park

7. Motion to adjourn – by Austin Wheaton at 7:29 pm., seconded by Claire Casey, there was no discussion. Motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Alling Conservation Commissioner