

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio - Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney - Co -Vice Chairman
David Skirkanich
Melissa Smith
Seny Ricardi

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Melissa Smith

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Seny Ricardi made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on January 12, 2015. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - As of the end of November, the Financial Report is as follows: \$150.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$900.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$5.00 for postage, \$5.00 for Duplication, \$5.00 for Office Supplies and \$5.00 for Printing and Binding.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade – Step off is at 1:00pm. The Milford Tree Commission will be riding in the parade and handing out 538 Blue Spruce seedlings.
- Budget Hearing Recap – Bryan Mancini attended this meeting on February 12, 2015 at the Board of Finance and was able to get the additional funds for trees approved.
- Room Reservations – Bryan Mancini has secured Conference Room A for the Milford Tree Commission Meetings until the end of the year.
- Energy & Environment Fair – Steve Johnson sent an email to Bryan Mancini to announce the event. It will take place on March 28, 2015, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Milford Library's Public Program Room.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

- Letter to the Editor Response - In a Letter to the Editor, one Joseph Serapiglia, of Winthrop Court, wrote this letter to complain about the current UI project and the vendors doing the cutting. Bryan Mancini suggested to the Commission that he reply to Mr. Serapiglia regarding the UI project; everyone agreed that he do so.

F. ARBORETUM

- Sign Missing Across from Milford Bank – Bryan Mancini will call Public Works tomorrow to inquire about the sign. The hooks are still attached to the post – Bryan Mancini is currently working on compiling the list for new memorial plaques to be ordered.
- Contact From a New Potential Donor – Bryan Mancini received an email from a woman who requested more information on planting a memorial tree – Bryan Mancini wrote her back and provided the information – he is waiting to hear back from her.

G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

H. TREE NURSERY

- Gate – Bryan Mancini will be purchasing the piping needed to complete the gate project. This will take place soon.
- Grant from MEPI - Sean from Milford Trees, Inc. has applied for a \$500.00 grant from the Milford Environmental Protection Initiative (MEPI) in order to procure seedlings for the Nursery.
- Tree Money for Whips/Small Trees – Bryan Mancini has been recently researching other companies for young trees and he spoke with Chief River Nursery. He is still researching companies. He asked the Milford Tree Commission if we should allocate some money from our tree budget for young tree stock for the Nursery and everyone agreed.

I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- None at this time.

J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 134 – 142 Old Gate Lane – Pop’s Restaurant. They are requesting an addition to expand their parking area and also add an addition for a Banquet Room. The plans look very good. Bryan Mancini will write the letter regarding the request.

L. ADJOURNMENT

- Bryan Mancini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The March 9, 2015 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:06p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held March 9, 2015 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary