

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio - Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney - Co -Vice Chairman
David Skirkanich
Kelly Miller
Nancy Iddings

Absent: David Skirkanich

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on January 14, 2019. Kelly Miller seconded the motion. The minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Update – As of February 28, 2019, the Financial Report is as follows: \$250.00 in Secretarial Fees, \$1,000.00 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. In the Tree Account Bryan Mancini will ask for authorization to purchase mulch for the trees, located on the Green and around town. The trees need mulch rings to protect the trees from weed whacking. Next year for 2020 we will request more funds for the Tree and Shrub account. Steve Johnson has been appointed Assistant, Public Works. He will be working with training the volunteers who help with planting.
- New Member – The Milford Tree Commission welcomes Milford Resident Nancy Iddings.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

- Tom Hunt is now the interim Tree Warden. There are no Street Tree Matters at this time.

F. ARBORETUM

- Dredging Project Update– Dredging is now complete. Steve Johnson will be providing the overlay for our base map from the engineering firm by week's end. Steve Johnson indicated that behind City Hall there is a side abutment that needs repair due to leaks.
- Memorial Plaques – 6 Memorial Plaques have been ordered for memorial trees.

G. TREE NURSERY

- There is nothing to report at this time.

H. REVIEW OF TREE POLICIES

- Bryan Mancini brought to the Tree Commission a sample of a tree policy that can help us bring some new verbiage to the current Milford Tree Policy Manual to help educate the public regarding Milford's beautiful trees.

I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- Mayor's Initiative –The Mayor is still planning to implement the tree plantings; however, there are no new status updates on the project at this time.

J. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- None at this time.

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 41 Cherry Street – Bryan Mancini, Kate Orecchio, Kelly Miller, Nancy Iddings and Jim Malaney will be doing a Site Walk on this property on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 5:30 pm to assess the property and to make recommendations for their landscape plan.
- 263 Cherry Street – (Russell Speeder Car Wash) – this company bought the adjacent property to expand their business. Their landscape plan meets qualifications.
- 64 Old Gate Lane – Open Lot – plans to build an office/storage building, including 13 parking spaces – this landscape plan meet the qualifications.
- 25 Meadowside Road – 830G Project – This property meets the qualifications, except for one or two Sugar Maples that are planted too close to the walkway/pavement/parking which is susceptible to salt and snow. The recommendation would be to move the trees back a bit to avoid this area for the health of the trees. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.

L. ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Malaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelly Miller seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously. The March 11, 2019 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held March 11, 2019 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca, Recording Secretary