

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 11, 2011 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Mary Ludwig
Jim Malaney
Dave Skirkanich

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Mary Ludwig, Jim Malaney

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Dave Skirkanich made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting March 14, 2011. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved with changes.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report –\$225.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$0 for Travel, \$11.00 for postage, \$35 for Duplication, \$20.00 for Office Supplies and \$10 for Printing and Binding.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- An update: There are 2 large dead trees on the Post Road at the front of Milford Crossing Mall and in front of Barnes & Noble. Kate Orecchio has notified Public Works for take down and removal.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- 50 Dewey Avenue – Bryan Mancini indicated that Kate Orecchio and/or Dave Skirkanich schedule a time to meet the homeowner there. Public Works evidently removed a tree by her house. It was indicated that a card for removal was posted; however, the homeowner is upset about it and Bryan Mancini et al will go over and evaluate and make a recommendation. It was suggested that the meeting should take place either Tuesday April 12 or Wednesday April 13th to visit the homeowner.

G. ARBORETUM

Open PO for \$500.00 to purchase new trees - Bryan Mancini spoke with Donna DiMassa from Laurelton Hall, who is the mediator of their Environmental Club. They want Milford Trees and the Milford Tree Commission to become involved and participate in their Arbor Day event on April 27 at Laurelton Hall. The school will pay for the tree – (Sugar Maple) and they will help plant it.

- Milford Trees and Milford Tree Commission are invited to their luncheon as well, then to make a speech about the importance of trees and conclude with a walk to the Green. The cost of the Sugar maple is \$169.00.
- A Black Pine will be purchased for the Walt Farley Memorial to be reimbursed by Republican Party (?)

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 04-05 CDBG– in-town Arboretum– This grant is now closed and completed.

J. TREE NURSERY

- Bryan has been down to visit the Nursery. Everything is fine; Bryan Mancini also made sure the fence was in working order. Bryan Mancini and Tammy Jorgensen took the Christmas Tree from Rivercliff and planted it on Shelter Cove.

K. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Open PO to purchase trees - \$500.00 is allocated for the purchase of two trees for High Street at the end of the Green. The Commission will also consider the replacement for the English Elm. There is also Westshore Middle School that needs several trees and Westshore Recreation, also needs a tree. A Siberian Elm was suggested. A Cleveland Select Pear was suggested for a replacement on Robert Treat parkway. Bryan Mancini will investigate further as to appropriate trees.

L. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

M. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- McDonald's on Bridgeport Avenue: Pending
- Monroe Street: Pending
- "Bridges" Community Service Foundation on Bridgeport Avenue: Passed
- 89 Pond Point Avenue: Passed

N. ADJOURNMENT

- Kate Orecchio moved to adjourn the meeting, Dave Skirkanich seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The April 11, 2011 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:11p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held April 11, 2011 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary