

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 13, 2013 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Jim Malaney
David Skirkanich
Melissa Smith
Seny Ricardi
Jennifer Ibarra

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Melissa Smith

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- David Skirkanich made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on April 8, 2013. Jennifer Ibarra seconded the motion. The minutes from the April 8, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - As of April 9, 2013, \$225.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 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.
- Bryan Mancini attended the Budget Meeting on April 22, 2013 at City Hall at 7:00pm. Bryan presented the proposed budget to the Board of Alderman, who expressed their appreciation to Bryan for all of the good things the Tree Commission does.
- Bryan Mancini received an email from Irwin stating that Public Works wants to cut down the Crabapple trees on the Green across from the Milford Bank. Public Works has no money and asked for the Tree Commission to do it. We are not taking down those trees. Bryan responded to Irwin's email indicating that the trees are perfectly healthy and they are not coming down, and that those trees are not to be touched. Bryan will also write a letter on Tree Commission letterhead to Public Works and to also copy the Mayor and Parks & Recreation to request permission to have both groups take care of pruning, not cutting down, those trees.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- No Report at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

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ARBORETUM

- Planting Day - for Memorial Tree replacements: Kate Orecchio gave the report. The planting took place on Saturday, May 11th, 2013. The Norway Spruce was replaced with an October Glory Maple. The Gingko was replaced for Val Urban. The Pink Dogwood by the bench needs to be replaced. A Red Dogwood was planted by the Tulip bed for April Hunt. A Southern Magnolia was planted for Carmella DeLuca in Jefferson Park. Public Works installed a bench by that tree, in the wrong direction, so that bench must be turned around to face the water; Public Works will take care of that.
- Returned Sign - Jim Malaney is almost finished repairing the sign, and will drop it off at Kate Orecchio's house when done.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

I. TREE NURSERY

- Project Update – Bruce texted Bryan Mancini indicating that the fabric and pots are coming tomorrow. Approximately 100 Red and White Oak bare root trees are coming from the Branford Tree Commission and will be donated to our nursery, because they have no room for them. Whatever survives, they will take back half of the amount. The road is half way done and should be completed soon. The irrigation and fence will also be completed soon. More work will be done this coming Saturday.

J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- The planting took place on April 27th. 31 Trees were planted in 3 hours. Also, kids planted 4 trees on Pearl Hill.

K. APPROVED TREE LIST FOR PLANNING & ZONING

- The current list was reviewed and discussed at this meeting; Bryan will work up a document to present to Planning & Zoning.

L. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

M. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 54 Wilson Street – Subdivision needed 2 trees. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- 580 Bridgeport Avenue – Key Hyundai – They are installing a water swale in front of the property and trees must be removed. They have suggested replacement trees, perhaps Gingkoes or Single-Stem Amelanchier (Shadblow). Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- 258-66 Boston Post Road – Cumberland Farms (old Gloria's location) plans were reviewed and approved; Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- 1040-52 Boston Post Road – Howard Johnson's (behind Friendly's) – they are going to demolish the old hotel, level the land and build a new facility. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.

N. ADJOURNMENT

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The May 13, 2013 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:47p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held May 13, 2013 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary