

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 14, 2014 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:

David Skirkanich
Melissa Smith
James Malaney

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Bryan Mancini made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on June 9, 2014. Kate Orecchio seconded the motion. The minutes from the June 9, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - \$0 for Secretarial Fees, \$5.00 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.
- Tree Crew - The Tree Crew is now back up and running.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS

- There are no reports at this time.

F. ARBORETUM

- Dutch Elm Disease – Bryan Mancini received a letter from Chris Donnelly, Urban Forester for the State of Connecticut. Kate Orecchio had called him regarding the Elm Preservation Society. There are 4 Elms that have contracted this disease, and are almost dead. Mr. Connelly's letter indicated that samples be taken from the infected trees and sent to the Ct Dept. of Agriculture to confirm that what is causing the infection is Dutch Elm Disease. The Elm Preservation Society is where these 4 trees came from and are evidently guaranteed, so their replacements should be forthcoming. Bryan Mancini will be sending a letter to Public Works requesting that immediate action be taken to remove these trees, that they be chipped and all wood be removed and sent to the transfer station to be burned, as

but for the diseased wood there are also insects infested in the wood that can infect the other healthy trees.

G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

H. TREE NURSERY

- There is no report at this time.

I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- None at this time.

J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 231 Meadows End Road – Bryan Mancini will research the Linden Trees that this property is proposing to plant, as there are certain types of Lindens that may be inappropriate for the area and may have to have more appropriate substitutions planted in their place. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- Commerce Park – 22 additional parking spaces are proposed and they will be planting 11 new trees. They seem to be in compliance. Bryan Mancini will write the recommendation letter.
- Chevy Dealer – 655 Bridgeport Avenue – Kate Orecchio indicated she saw that they had installed the little white islands on the ends of their property; they want permission to put the trees in the islands and have them covered in gravel instead of grass. This request seems to be acceptable. Bryan Mancini will write the letter.

L. ADJOURNMENT

- Seny Riccardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The July 14, 2014 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held July 14, 2014 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary