

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the August 8, 2011 Meeting***

#### **A. ROLL CALL**

Commission Members:

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

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Mary Ludwig

#### **B. CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on June 13, 2011. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the June 13, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- Financial Report - Expenditures for the last year: \$675.00 out of \$675.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 out of \$500.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$0 for Travel, \$2.64 for postage, \$10 for Duplication, \$20.00 for Office Supplies and \$10 for Printing and Binding. We used 96% of our budget.
- Bryan Mancini received a letter from the P&Z regarding their Plan for Conservation and Development. There is no specific tree category; the Trees are currently under open space and recreation section. P&Z would like the Commission to read the report and give them feedback. Kate Orecchio suggested that any developer who cut down trees on their property should replace a portion of those trees (to Milford Open Space). The Plan is on the City's website; Bryan Mancini will provide the link to everyone.

#### **E. TREE WARDEN REPORT**

- No report at this time.

#### **F. STREET TREE MATTERS**

- There was a tree allegedly cut down by mistake on Victory (Ct., Ave., St., Circle).
- Bryan Mancini also indicated that he noticed around town that quite a few Norways are dying.

#### **G. ARBORETUM**

- Steve Wing has the Signs for the trees in the Arboretum are spring-loaded ID tags to be installed. Bryan will email Steve Wing to schedule a good time one evening to do the work.

#### **H. OPEN GRANTS**

- There are no open grants at this time.

#### **I. TREE NURSERY**

- Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio visited the Nursery about 3 weeks ago – the big issue is the “Mile-A-Minute” vine. Otherwise, things look good at the Nursery. Bryan Mancini will start to mark trees to be pulled and/or donated. Both Dave Skirkanich and Kate Orecchio suggested some trees could be planted at Silver Sands for shade. Bryan Mancini will email Chris Donnelly regarding planting some trees at Silver Sands Park picnic area.

#### **J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS**

- None at this time.

#### **K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- None at this time.

#### **L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS**

- Alpha Street – P&Z is insisting on sidewalks; Tree Commission suggested that more trees should remain there during the street’s re-development.
- Wheelers Farms Road - Maple Tree Farm – house and sidewalk only.
- Tower Street – Denied.
- 225-257 Naugatuck Avenue – Approved.
- Monroe Street – Approved.
- UPDATE: A re-review of the Bed, Bath & Beyond/Old Navy Plaza – Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio made recommendations; Ash Trees should not be planted; Jim Malaney suggested Green Giant Trees be planted for the Deer. Also needs an additional island. Bryan Mancini suggested a meeting for the Commission to take a ride over and look at the property – Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 5pm.

#### **M. ADJOURNMENT**

- Dave Skirkanich moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The August 8, 2011 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held August 8, 2011 are respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Annie Mecca  
Recording Secretary