

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 9, 2010 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

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

Alternates:

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

George Noyes

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of July 12, 2010. Jim Malaney seconded the motion. The minutes from the July 12, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections. Mary Ludwig recused herself because she was not at the July 12, 2010 meeting.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- We have a vacancy since Irwin resigned – recommended the position be filled and Bruce Lindsay become an alternate and discuss George Noyes' status. Bryan Mancini will write a letter to the Mayor to inquire as to next steps.
- Financial Report –\$525.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$25.00 for postage, \$50 for Duplication, \$25.00 for Office Supplies and \$25 for Printing and Binding.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- We received a letter regarding the English Elm at the Milford Chamber from Rich Tomasco, the Tree Warden, who indicated that the tree would come down. This was done on August 9, 2010.
- Bryan Mancini will write a letter to Rich Tomasco about replacing that tree.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- A tree was removed on Maple Street by Public Works.
- Bryan Mancini along with Kate Orecchio will draft an amendment to the Ordinance – when a tree dies from any insect or disease issue, it must be removed

in a timely fashion, i.e., within 90 days from notice. This will have to go through the ordinance committee, etc.

G. ARBORETUM

- GRAND OPENING on Saturday, July 25. Setup by 9:30, at City Hall from 10am – Noon. Speakers will be Bryan Mancini, Mary Ludwig, Glen Dreyer, Ed Vaughn, Chris Donnelly and The Mayor. There will be a formal opening and tree tours. Kate Orecchio will put up a tent on the Green to get people interested in dedicating trees. Mary Ludwig suggested that besides brochures, the public could receive a free sapling, also suggested was a tree raffle. David Skirkanich suggested a sandwich board to drive traffic to the ceremony. Mary Ludwig suggested for the tree walks that people are designated to be able to talk about the trees through the walk – they will take place at the lower and upper duck ponds. Bryan Mancini suggested setting up a separate meeting ahead of time to meet with the tree walk guides to make sure everything goes smoothly. Bryan Mancini and Mary Ludwig will talk via email to set up that meeting date. Also, Bryan Mancini will inquire at Planter's Choice for a Ginkgo for the tree planting ceremony to begin the Arboretum celebration, and to coordinate with Public Works to dig the hole beforehand.
- HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION LETTER – Bryan Mancini received a letter from the Historic District stating that the signs located at the lower and upper duck ponds are not in compliance – asked that they meet with them as to the appropriateness of the sign placement. Bryan Mancini will draft a letter in response stating that these are informational, not advertising signs, that they are on public land, are appropriate, and meet the requirements. Bryan Mancini will also inquire as to when the Historic District is holding the meeting.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 04-05 CDBG– the in-town Arboretum has \$1700.00 left – the money will be spent on maps and brochures. Bryan Mancini will inquire of Steve Wing as to the status of the tags, as well as the maps. Bryan Mancini will also inquire of Judy Donieko as to the \$6000.00 grant money.
- New Business – Replaced a tree in front of the Super 8 Motel on August 7, 2010.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Tabled.

J. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- Tabled.

K. TREE NURSERY

- Work Party on Saturday, August 14th at 9:30 am. Mary Ludwig will email the mailing list for the Milford Trees to let them know of the work party.
Work to be done: container weeding, moving some things around, prepping for the perimeter road, clean garage, pruning and tagging.

L. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Resident at 37 Tumblebrook Road wants a tree.

M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Kingdom Life revisited - Kate Orecchio indicated the Commission representatives need to meet with them again regarding the parking lot issue. Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini will set a date, perhaps this Thursday.
- Christ Redeemer Church – 32 Oronoque Road – recommends shade trees.
- 88 Bryan Hill – recommend they plant a tree.
- 170 Old Gate Lane – Jim Malaney recused himself – recommend to approve the waiving of the landscaping requirements.

O. ADJOURNMENT

- Mary Ludwig moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The August 9, 2010 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held August 9, 2010 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary