

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 13, 2012 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

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

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Dave Skirkanich
Jim Malaney

Guest: Diane Slatery, Milford

B. CALL TO ORDER

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

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on June 11, 2012. Melissa Smith seconded the motion. The minutes from the June 11, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report - Currently, \$600.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$500.00 for Trees and Shrubs, \$1 for Travel, \$10.00 for postage, \$10.00 for Duplication, \$10.00 for Office Supplies and \$10.00 for Printing and Binding.
- Carol Dunn has resigned from the Tree Commission. Jennifer Ibarra has filled that open position.
- Our new member is Jennifer Ibarra – She grew up in Milford and is a Public School teacher in Bridgeport. One of her passions is making edible gardens. She is also a member of a non-profit organization that puts edible gardens in every public school in Bridgeport. We are happy to have Jennifer join the Commission.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- No Report at this time.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Dave Skirkanich informed Bryan Mancini about this situation: at the corner of Cherry Street & Prospect St., there were trees in this parking lot that were removed; the reason is unknown. Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio will check to see what the regulations are and if these trees are on the plot plan. If they are, they will have to be replaced.

- At Post Road and Liberty Rock Park (Baker St.) at least 3 trees were the victims of Pollarding and have been significantly weakened because of it. If these trees are on the plot plan for this property then these must also be replaced.

ARBORETUM

- A sign at the Arboretum that has been missing since the Hurricane as well as the October storm was to have been already replaced; however, it has not as yet. Kate Orecchio will yet again call Mr. Sign to inquire as to the status of when this sign will finally be replaced.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- There are no open grants at this time.

I. TREE NURSERY

- Nursery Re-Design: We have not yet received the grant money for this project.

J. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- None at this time.

K. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- None at this time.

L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- 2007 Bridgeport Avenue – Olive Tree Hookah Lounge – Bryan Mancini and either Jennifer Ibarra and/or Melissa Smith will go on Wednesday or Thursday this week to take a look at the property.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Melissa Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Seny Ricardi seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The August 13, 2012 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held August 13, 2012 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary