

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the October 13, 2009 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Kate Orecchio, Vice Chairman
Mary Ludwig
Jim Malaney

Alternates:

(Dave Skirkanich, George Noyes)

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

Irwin Langewisch, Dave Skirkanich,
George Noyes

B. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Jim Malaney made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of September 14, 2009. Mary Ludwig seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 14, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Report –Bryan does have a copy of the Financial Report.

E. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- There was no report available.

F. STREET TREE MATTERS

- Resident Requests – Opal Street – Bryan Mancini will inquire of Irwin Langewisch as to the status of the replacement tree.

G. ARBORETUM

- Report from Parks, Beach and Recreation Commission - Bryan Mancini, Kate Orecchio and Mary Ludwig, along with Steve Wing, made their report on what has been planted and what will be planted, in the Arboretum. Mary Ludwig made a report on Parks. Parks and Rec. approved the reports. The Jorgensen's Tulip Tree, which is a family tree, was planted on the Green.

H. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 04-05 CDBG– In-Town Arboretum – grant awarded to Milford Tree Commission and Milford Trees, Inc.) Brochures are ready to go to print as soon as they can be proofed; Bryan Mancini will ask Allan Brandt for a proof so the copy can be proofread. Tree labels are ready and ordered. Waiting on parks and Rec. for signs. Kate suggested a press push to tie in the signs and the cherry blossoms blooming.

08-09 USFS - Greening of the Post Road Phase 3

- 2 trees approved by HoJo's and Friendly's on their property. No permission yet from Hooter's and Athena Diner. 3 Trees by the cemetery, CVS – 3 Trees – Kate Orecchio is getting permissions. Theater site – there is room for 3 large and 2 small trees. CT's Own Volvo – proposed that they plant their own trees in their parking lot and we would plant trees in front of their property. M&M Farm – trying to get permission. Mama Theresa's – trying to get permission for 3 trees. K-5 Guns and Hair Salon – need permission for 4 trees. Eastern Glass – 3 trees to be moved back. Need a "Call Before You Dig." There are 36 probable trees to be planted. Planting should begin within 2 weeks due to weather.

I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Tabled until winter months.

J. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT

- Mary Ludwig to speak with John Hangen of M.I.S.

K. TREE NURSERY

- Work Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. Bryan and Mary said they would be there. Bryan also indicated that wood chips are needed and trees needed to be spaced out in the nursery. Jim Malaney suggested they call some tree guys to drop off wood chips they aren't using anyway.

L. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS

- Monroe Street - Walnut Tree was destroyed – deciding on what to replace it with.
- On Sunday the 11th, a Red maple was replaced at Meadowside.
- 2 Coral Bark trees and one Cherokee Chief Dogwood tree were planted in front of Mary Taylor Church.

M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

- Meadowside School/Arbor Day - Project that Mary Ludwig will be displaying on Thursday, Oct. 22nd at the CT Urban Forest Council's Conference at MountainRidge. Milford Trees Inc., Tree Commission and Public Works planted the trees and Tammy Jorgensen (MTI) organized the dozen plus trees that were planted. The entire school was involved with the actual planting of the trees. The Mayor, Superintendent of Bd. of Education and the Principal were all present.

N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS

- Harborside Middle School
- Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio reviewed the plans and determined that they met the requirements for the parking lot.
- Bryan will also monitor who will prune the Cucumber Magnolia.
- Bryan Mancini will ask Steve Wing if Steve brought the sample of the English Elm up to the Agriculture Station to determine what ailment the tree has.

O. ADJOURNMENT

- Mary Ludwig moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Malaney seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The October 13, 2009 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held October 13, 2009 are respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Annie Mecca
Recording Secretary