

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the October 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

#### **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 on September 8, 2014. Seny Ricardi seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 8, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- Financial Report - As of the end of August, the Financial Report is as follows: \$525.00 for Secretarial Fees, \$900.00 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.

#### **E. TREE WARDEN REPORT / STREET TREE MATTERS**

- Ingersol Road – (Beautification Project) – Seny Ricardi told us about a resident, a Mr. Steven Osnos, of 55 Ingersol Road, Milford, CT 06460, phone number 203-878-9885, who was inquiring as to the open area on the corner of Ingersol and Timber Trail; whether this was private or city property. Bryan Mancini has followed up on the inquiry and learned that there are two parcels of land; 1 large parcel owned by the City of Milford, with an identifying number 03-79 which is possibly open space – this needs more investigation; and the other parcel is owned by Milford Home Association. They developed the entire complex. More investigation needs to be done to find out who is dumping there. Seny Ricardi will follow up with Mr. Osnos to find out where people are dumping. Ultimately, it had been suggested that the Milford Tree Commission or Milford Trees, Inc. might put together a Beautification Project to clean up that area.
- Baxter Lane - Bryan Mancini tried to gather more information regarding the tagged trees. Seny Ricardi indicated that the Public Works Director Chris Saley, Bryan Anderson, Susan Shaw and Mayor Blake spoke to all the neighbors there regarding the tagged trees. In addition, the Tree Warden, Tom Hunt, has not been

communicating to the Milford Tree Commission when projects are designed and executed. Seny Ricardi suggested that a letter be sent to the Mayor to learn what the outcome was with this project, and also to request that the Tree Commission be apprised of the various projects Public Works is working on.

#### **F. ARBORETUM**

- Parsons Corner Clean Up - This project is now completed. The area has been cleaned, re-seeded, mulched and re-planted. This is a job well done under the supervision of Mary Rose Palumbo, Inlands/Wetlands Officer.
- The Duck Pond project will be starting shortly.
- Signs Placed on Green – This past weekend 5 members of Milford Trees, Inc. placed identification markers on the trees. They are 8 feet off the ground. More markers will be ordered to mark trees around the Parsons Complex.
- Memorial Plaques – Bryan Mancini had a mock up done of the Memorial Plaques for the Memorial trees. Paul Jorgensen, Sean, Neil and Bryan Mancini met with Linda from Milford Monuments about 3 weeks ago. They are very elegant looking, they measure 6”x10” and are black-faced granite plaques that will be laser-etched. The plaque for the Elm Tree by the Chamber building will be done first. This is being done in cooperation with Milford Trees, Inc.

#### **G. OPEN GRANTS & GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- There are no open grants at this time.

#### **H. TREE NURSERY**

- Clean Up and Upcoming Projects – This Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, Bryan Mancini will begin brush-hogging the Nursery. He and the volunteers will also be installing the fence.

#### **I. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS**

- New Budget and Trees to be planted this Fall – We have \$900.00 in the budget to use for trees; the Commission will be researching possible locations to do plantings and will use some of these funds for replacement trees.
- Three dead trees were replaced by three new Dogwoods at Seabreeze Park.

#### **J. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- None at this time.

**K. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS**

- Update - The Milford tree Commission did an Inter-agency review two years ago at the location of Old Navy and Bed Bath & Beyond and did not get any response. They have since replanted new trees throughout the parking area as the Commission had originally suggested.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

- Jim Malaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kate Orecchio seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The October 14, 2014 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

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