

## **THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION**

### ***Minutes of the December 13, 2010 Meeting***

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

Commission Members Present:

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

Alternates:

George Noyes

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

Absent:

George Noyes, Mary Ludwig

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

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

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

- Kate Orecchio made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting of November, 8, 2010. Dave Skirkanich seconded the motion. The minutes from the November 8, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- Financial Report –\$300.00 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.
- The dates for the 2011 Tree Commission Meeting are as follows: 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/11, 11/14, 12/12.
- Elections are also on the Agenda for the January Meeting to elect possible new members. Bryan Mancini's term is up, but he has asked to be re-appointed and we would be pleased if he was. There is no status as to George Noyes.
- Bryan Mancini will also investigate to see whether Steve Kraftmiller, Mike Kijeski and Steve Benyay would be interested in serving on the Milford Tree Committee.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

## **G. ARBORETUM**

- Kate Orecchio indicated that she tried to reach Bill McCarthy of the Parks & Recreation Commission to ask for a meeting, but he was on vacation. Kate will try to set up a meeting for next week with him to discuss CT State Statute 23-9, Powers & Duties of Tree Warden. This comes from the pruning fiasco see recap next paragraph). Bryan Mancini will also go before the P&R in January to discuss this incident. The Milford Tree Commission would ask that they would be given administrative authority over the pruning of the trees in the Arboretum; in other words, to be notified whenever there is to be pruning done, so that we can make sure it is being done correctly without damage to what is being pruned. Bryan Mancini will also email Irwin to ask why the pruning was done. In their meeting, Kate will mention to Bill McCarthy the planting of a row of trees at the Westshore Middle School.
- **(RECAP)** Pruning in front of City Hall (triangle in front and bus stop) was overdone; it was necessary to prune, although the job done was “horrific,” especially the Cherries in front of City Hall – they were all but destroyed. Steve Wing had asked the arborist, John Westerman, to write a letter regarding the pruning job, but Bryan Mancini has not received a response as yet. During the Winter, Bryan Mancini indicated that he will try to work with the Mayor and Legal to set an oversight for Arboretum care; the Arboretum, while it is public, is a specific designated area and should be handled differently from routine Public Works maintenance.
- A woman contacted Bryan Mancini through the Mayor’s office regarding a tree that is planted in her yard that is very sentimental to her family; the house is being foreclosed and she wants to donate the tree to the city. Bryan Mancini, along with Bruce Lindsay, went to look at the tree, which is a Japanese Maple, deemed it acceptable and found a spot at the Upper Duck Pond and will be planted there.

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

- 04-05 CDBG– in-town Arboretum – This grant is now closed out. Kate Orecchio will check Steve Wing regarding the last set of maps.

## **I. TREE INVENTORY / MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Tabled.

## **J. STORM DAMAGE ASSESMENT**

- Tabled.

## **K. TREE NURSERY**

- Bryan Mancini will be going down to the nursery throughout the winter for regular maintenance.

**L. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS**

- Nothing to report.

**M. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

- None at this time.

**N. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW MATTERS**

- The Beach House restaurant, 159 Merwin Avenue. This was reviewed by Kate Orecchio and Bryan Mancini; suggestions were made as follows; London Plains and Amelanchir trees must be moved away from the power lines and relocated accordingly. The plans meet the requirements overall; however, Bryan Mancini suggested that there be more diversity than just the London Plains and Amelanchirs. On the plan, the trees are listed by height, not diameter, so Bryan Mancini and Kate Orecchio will inquire. They also need a special exemption because the property is in a residential area.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

- Jim Malaney moved to adjourn the meeting, Dave Skirkanich seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The December 13, 2010 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:19p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held December 13, 2010 are respectfully submitted,

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