

THE MILFORD TREE COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 12, 2023 Meeting

A. ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Bryan Mancini - Chairman
Jim Malaney - Co -Vice Chairman
Nancy Iddings – Co-Vice Chairman
Cheryl Cappiali
Connie Gaynor
Kelly Miller
David Skirkanich

Guests:

Steve Johnson, Tree Warden, City of Milford
Meghan Sousa, 321 Housatonic Dr., Milford
Sarah Lilley – 439 Oronoque Rd. Milford

Recording Secretary:

Annie Mecca

A. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Mancini called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- Bryan Mancini made a motion to accept the minutes to the meeting on April 10, 2023. Kelly Miller seconded the motion. The minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Update – As of May 31, the Financial Report is as follows: \$150.00 in Secretarial Fees, \$1,000.00 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.

D. TREE WARDEN APPEALS / STREET TREE MATTERS

- 61 Cheryl Ann Drive- There are homeowners complaining about 2 trees they want removed, for possible driveway/yard damage. Steve Johnson sent a photo of Freeman Maple is a form of a Red Maple and possibly a Silver Maple – Steve Johnson is planning a review of the trees. There seems to be no apparent reason to take these trees down.
- 37 Strawberry Hill Rd. – There is a discrepancy on the tree there that is indicated to be a Silver Maple; however, it is not. It is a Red Maple, and there may be a hearing on this issue. Steve Johnson will address.
- Orchard Hills Elementary School – Board of Ed is reconfiguring their parking lot which will result in a large old Red Maple being removed because of root involvement with the new entrance, as well as several Crabapples and a Hickory may possibly be removed.

F. ARBORETUM

- None at this time.

G. STREET TREE REPLACEMENTS/TREE REQUESTS

- Post Road Trees – Meghan Sousa, of 321 Housatonic Drive in Milford, met Nancy Iddings at the Tree Giveaway and helped volunteer with the Tree Commission. She brought us a Beautification Proposal for the area of Milford from the Clock Tower to Naugatuck Ave. A project that would entail replacing dead or sick trees, missing trees and planting shrubs and native flowers in that area. Steve Johnson suggested they have a meeting to go over the elements of the project and what can be done.
- Tree Ordinance – Final Review before submittal – Bryan Mancini has sent the document to the City’s Attorney’s office for final review. We should hear more in the coming weeks.

H. TREE HONOR PROJECT – Nancy Iddings updated us on this project to honor some of Milford’s “Most Distinguished Trees.” The two nominees are a Copper Beech at 33 Hawley Ave., and a Copper Beech at 175 Gulf Street. Certificates have been prepared and mailed to the owners. Other nominees are a Dawn Redwood at 224 West Main St., a Sycamore at 274 Naugatuck Ave., and an American Basswood near Parsons.

I. MILFORD EARTH DAY- Recap - The Milford Earth Day event was held on April 22, 2023 on the Green. Despite the weather, the event was well-attended.

J. MILFORD TREE GIVEAWAY – Recap -This event took place on April 29, 2023, Eisenhower Park. The weather was not cooperative but all 500 trees were given away as well as a couple of River Birches, Sweet Birches and Dogwoods. It was a successful day.

K. NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time.

L. INTER-AGENCY REVIEWS

- None at this time.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Steve Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Connie Gaynor seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously. The June 12, 2023 meeting of The Milford Tree Commission was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of The Milford Tree Commission held June 12, 2023 are respectfully submitted,

By: 
Annie Mecca, Recording Secretary