Citizens for Milford
Open Forum Meeting, June 11, 2014

Core members of Citizens for Milford planned and hosted a public forum meeting in the Milford Town Library on June 11, 2014 in order to introduce our mission, welcome newcomers, and listen to ideas from other Milford citizens regarding issues and projects we might want to consider. Thirty people attended the meeting, including Town Planner Richard Villani. MDN reporter Lindsay Corcoran also attended. Read the article she published the next day at: http://www.milforddailynews.com/article/20140612/NEWS/140618761/0/SEARCH

After explaining the roots of Citizens for Milford and reading the mission statement, Chairman Steve Trettel opened the meeting to discussion from newcomers:

- Chet and Jan Saniuk expressed their concerns regarding the implementation of Common Core.
- Reno DeLuzio shared his ideas for improving and thereby preserving Town Meeting.
- Mr. DeLuzio also discussed the possibility of advocating for open space as a core value of the community.
- George Swymer suggested a "start small" beautify Milford campaign. Rob Mitchell added that the Farmers Market committee is interested in a beautification day.
- Peter Scandone discussed the need to revitalize Main Street.
- Joe Nigro expressed his concerns for improving public safety by addressing abandoned properties.
- Jose Costa suggested that there should be additional communication of what's happening with town committees, as well as some type of vehicle—such as a hotline or ombudsman—to communicate their concerns to the Town.
- Carolyn Hildebrand of Parents for Music asked if we could advocate with them to ensure the Strings ensemble program at Woodland remains an in-school activity option.
- George Swymer also discussed the future of Middle School East, explaining that the BOS was preparing to launch a committee to address that space.

The next public meeting will be held in the same space in the Milford Town Library on September 16 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Geri Eddins
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