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WILTON TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Comstock Community Center Room 31
Meeting Minutes

Present: Susan DiLoreto, Wayne Gura, Suzanne Knutson, Peggy Van Acker, Scott MacQuarrie, Kimberley Young, Lars Cherichetti Tree Warden
Excused Absence: Jackie Algon

- I. CALL TO ORDER
S. DiLoreto called the meeting to order at 6:07pm
- II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2019 MINUTES
S. Knutson motioned and W. Gura seconded approval of the December 11, 2019 Minutes 5-0-1 with Scott MacQuarrie abstaining.
- III. TREE WARDEN'S REPORT
L. Cherichetti stated he is just doing tree assessment of trees in town. Brief discussion held of Town roadside cutting with the flaying machine. Committee members agreed the current method left a lot of ugliness along the roadsides. L. Cherichetti will be part of the conversation with the Town and the Department of Public Works to see what can be done to improve how this is done in future. L. Cherichetti stated this is a difficult situation, with 172 miles of roads many of which need trimming on both sides.
- IV. W. Gura offered to work on improving the current spreadsheet of the Wilton Center Tree Inventory. He will also review software options that might make the Inventory easier to manage as a data base.

The SeeClickFix application was discussed and Committee members were encouraged to set it up on their mobile phones for reporting downed, damaged trees to the Town.
- V. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Trees for Alton Johnson- No discussion

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reports from subcommittees

P. Van Acker is working on several articles on potential native trees and native shrubs for the donation program.

2. Discuss draft donation brochure

S. Knutson reviewed her draft with Committee, highlighting open questions. Comments centered around less text and clean look, and the suggestion of a link to Tree Committee web page that describes details of the program.

There was discussion on the need to develop a clear procedure for donating, choosing tree, choosing planting site, planting date, *etc.* that could be outlined for the public. W. Gura offered to lay out the brochure once the text is decided. Text to be further revised after review of the existing donation brochure (S. DiLoreto to send to all committee)

4. 2020 Revised Meeting Schedule- Not discussed

VII. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS -None to report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

- Spring - Fall newsletter - Discuss draft article about donation program for Fall Newsletter. This item was not discussed due to lack of time and because the brochure is still in development.

IX. ADJOURN

X. Scott MacQuarrie motioned to adjourn, seconded by P. Van Acker and approved 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted January 9, 2020, S. DiLoreto