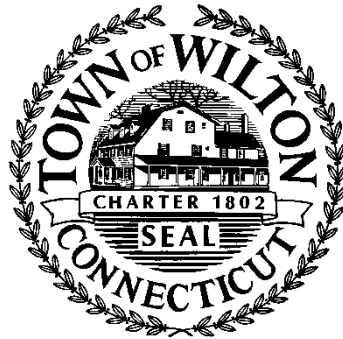


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**WILTON TREE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Comstock Community Center Room 31
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jackie Algon, Susan DiLoreto, Wayne Gura, Suzanne Knutson, Peggy Van Acker
Absent: Scott Macquarrie, Kimberley Young

- I. CALL TO ORDER
J. Algon called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

- II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019 MINUTES
Peggy Van Acker motioned and S. Knutson seconded approval of the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes 4-0-1 with Wayne Gura abstaining.

- III. TREE WARDEN'S REPORT
It is expected that Nick Lee will be named as the second tree warden in addition to Lars Cherichetti.

- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS
 1. New Tree Committee Member Wayne Gura was introduced to the Committee.
 2. Update given by J. Algon on Holiday Tree for Town Green.
 3. Trees for Alton Johnson discussed. J. Algon to follow up with Alston Johnson family to confirm planting for fall of 2020. J. Algon to write letter to Miller Driscoll principal reconfirming proposed planting of oak tree (Alston Johnson donation) at Driscoll back entrance.

J. Algon explained to Committee the process of selection, purchase and installation of donation trees. Trees are planted in the fall.

Trees to monitor: S. Diloreto to confirm with Nick Lee that the oak

tree donated to town from CT Tree Protective Association is heeled-in for the winter.

Other trees planted this fall will need to be watched for health next spring and summer.

Discussion held on project along Norwalk River on River Road to remove invasives and replant natives. The Tree Committee is strongly in favor of replanting only with a **unified plan** in place along the river. J. Algon to contact Trout Unlimited, and Mike Conklin to discuss how to accomplish this.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reports from subcommittees

S. DiLoreto and Lars Cherichetti to begin work with on tree management plan for the Wilton Center maintenance this winter. Scaled maps and Tree Inventory Report to be printed for Committee use.

No other reports.

2. Discuss draft donation brochure - Nothing new to report. W. Gura offered to work on layout once text is done.

3. Wayne Gura motioned and P. Van Acker seconded to approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule Approved 5-0-0.

4. W. Gura motioned and S. Knutson seconded to approve election of J. Algon as President and Susan DiLoreto as Secretary of the 2020 Tree Committee. Approved: 5-0-0.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS None to report

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

- Spring - Fall newsletter - Discuss draft article about donation program for Fall Newsletter
- Discussion on previous practice of issuing Press Releases in *Good Morning Wilton* and *The Wilton Bulletin* on a semi-annual basis.
- P. Van Acker to write an article on quality native plants to consider planting.

VIII. ADJOURN –

P. Van Acker Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35, seconded by W. Gura and approved 5-0-0.

Next Meeting January 8, 2020
Room 31 Comstock Community Center

Respectfully submitted December 16, 2019, S. DiLoreto