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WILTON TREE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
12:00PM
Wilton Center Gazebo
Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Susan DiLoreto, Wayne Gura, Peggy Van Acker, Kimberley Young, Lars Cherichetti, Tree Warden

- i. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 12:10pm
- ii. Discussion by Members of Wilton Tree Committee with Lars Cherichetti the Wilton Tree Warden about the development of the Tree Management Plan for Wilton Center Trees. The group walked through the Town Center and assessed street trees planted on town property and listed on the Tree Inventory for maintenance pruning. The challenge will be to figure out a data base that will accept the information collected and be user friendly for future record keeping.
Tags are missing on many trees and there is a lot of pruning to be done. The good news is the younger trees all need some work, but because they are easy to prune from the ground and the branches are not extensive, they should be fairly quick and inexpensive to prune. For each tree we noted: location, variety, size, private or public property and what type of pruning to be done.

Lars Cherichetti explained pruning Best Practices that would be followed:

Structural pruning- removing branches that are greater than 50% of the trunk diameter, removing branches that are unbalanced in distribution and pruning to develop a single leader.

Clearance pruning- removal of lower branches to a desired height on the trunk for clearance of pedestrians, cars, structures. On a young tree where it is too small to raise the lowest branches to the desired height, a gradual elevation will be required.

Reduction pruning-shorten a limb by removing the terminal portion back to a lateral branch of equal or smaller diameter.

Trees properly trained when they are young result in stronger, more aesthetic, mature trees with reduced risk of failure down the road.

iii. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan DiLoreto 12.15.2020