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WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jackie Algon, Suzanne Knutson, Wayne Gura, Peggy Van Acker and Kimberley Young

Absent: Lars Cherichetti

- I. J. Algon called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the December 8, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved. W.Gura moved and P. Van Acker seconded.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT L. Cherichetti was unable to attend; no discussion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion on terminating Tree Committee effective 12 January 2022 Lynn Vander Slice met with the Conservation Commission last week to advocate for termination of the Tree Committee. The Committee has completed their designated tasks and there is no longer space in downtown Wilton for placement of more trees. A Master Plan for the Town of Wilton will address possible new developments along Route 7, which, in turn, could make way for more tree and shrub plantings; at that time, perhaps the Tree Committee would be reinstated.
- 2. Four tasks remaining on the Tree Committee will need to be transferred to the Conservation Commission: Tree Steward annual award, Tree donation program, continued Tree City Certification and development and oversight of a Town tree maintenance plan. One last item needing attention is reimbursement of P. Van Acker for her purchase of a tree donated in memory of S. Lauten. Ms Van Acker will write to the acting CFO (Ms. VanderSlice) requesting this settling of accounts.
- 3. A motion was made to terminate the Tree Committee by K. Young and seconded by W. Gura. After a discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.
- V. ADJOURN W. Gura motioned and P. Van Acker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:53, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by K. Young 1/13/22