

WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

10 Oct. 2018

Wilton Town Annex Conference Room



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Present: N. Lee, W. Meehan, K. Throckmorton, J. Algon

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Excused: L. Cherichetti, S. DiLoreto, P. Koellmer,

BY: *LK*

I. CALL TO ORDER

K. Throckmorton called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

W. Meehan moved and N. Lee seconded approval of the minutes of the June 2018 Meeting, as submitted; they were approved 4-0-0.

III. TREE WARDEN REPORT

No report.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Center Tree Inventory and Plan:

- i. The brick for Barbara Quincy's tree needs to be placed and the Committee needs to make headway on the Tree Inventory. In light of these tasks, K. Throckmorton recommended a meeting in Town Center in November.

b. Notable Tree List:

- i. K. Throckmorton and L. Cherichetti will photograph the two trees on the Skunk Rd property when the leaves are down.

c. Tree Maintenance:

- i. L. Cherichetti has several pages of notes from his walk with N. Lee to observe the status of trees in Wilton Center.

d. Tree Education Course:

- i. As part of the Community Canopy Program there will be articles in the papers about the importance of trees and other information about trees. These articles will precede the lecture to be presented on 13 March by Margery Winters and will lead-up to the sale of trees.

e. Open Positions on Tree Committee:

- i. There is one open position on the Tree Committee and two possible, interested candidates. The open slot is a P&Z appointee.

1. **Assignment:** J. Algon to contact Kimberley Young to get a bio for submission to P&Z for their appointment of her to the Committee.

f. Tree Pruning Reference Model:

- i. N. Lee recommended raising the canopy for most of the established trees in Wilton Center to avoid injuries to pedestrians. This will require coordination with DPW to chip the brush once the trees are pruned. Discussion led to agreement to link this work to the Community Canopy Program tree distribution event as a source of education for the public on how to prune trees properly.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. M. Conklin received a bid to plant a Holly Tree on the Town Green in the Spring.
- b. There has been a tree donation made that will be applied to cover the third Linden Tree that will also be planted in the Spring. K. Throckmorton will clarify the details with M. Conklin.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- a. Community Canopy Project: J. Algon reported that S. DiLoreto has been in communication with the ArborDay Foundation (ADF) and they have agreed to 4 May 2019 for distribution of trees. If there are 150 trees ordered, we can specify five species. ADF indicated 150 trees should not be difficult to sell in this community. They will source the trees locally and orders can be placed up to a week before distribution.
 - i. S. DiLoreto is drafting an article about the Community Canopy Program as a kick-off to public awareness
- b. J. Algon will send two articles she has written on other tree-related topics for the Committee's approval to publish in either the local papers or in the next Environmental Affairs Newsletter.

VII. TREE LEGISLATION:

- a. No activity

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Lee moved and W. Meehan seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting which passed 4-0-0; the meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.

The next Tree Committee meeting will be Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 4 p.m. at the Wilton Library unless otherwise indicated on the agenda.

16 Oct 2018, J. Algon