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**WILTON TREE COMMITTEE**

12 April 2017

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

Present: Chair K. Throckmorton, S. DiLoreto, N. Lee, W. Meehan, P. Young, J. Algon

I. CALL TO ORDER

K. Throckmorton called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

W. Meehan moved and K. Throckmorton seconded the amendments to the minutes of the 28 March 2017 Special Meeting, which were approved 5-0-0.

III. TREE WARDEN REPORT

P. Young reported that Eversource is claiming 95% of the Town's trees need attention. There will be a lot of ash trees in the right of way which should begin to be apparent in the next two to three weeks. The Committee reviewed a map of planned tree work.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Center Tree Plan Status:

- i. Tree Plan: no update
- ii. Tree for Barbara Quincy
  1. Mike Conklin is planning to attend the planting of the tree for Barbara Quincy on Arbor Day, Friday, 28 April at 5 p.m.
  2. N. Lee and K. Throckmorton will place a stake at the location at the intersection of Hubbard and Old Ridgefield Rds. locating the site of the planting.
  3. Donations for the Tree Steward's tree: J. Algon contacted the League of Women Voters to determine if they are willing to contribute to the tree for B. Quincy and to-date has gotten no response. While the Town will cover the cost of the tree, were the LWV to contribute, we could purchase a higher caliber tree. *[Post-Meeting Note: The Woman's Club will likely make a donation of \$100 toward the tree in Mid-May.]* N. Lee reported he has gotten no response from B. Quincy's son. J. Algon will check with the League of

Woman Voters about their making a donation for the tree;  
W. Meehan will ask Kiwanis for a donation.

4. The Committee's preference is to plant a shade tree at the corner of Old Hubbard and Old Ridgefield Roads; K.

Throckmorton will advise M. Conklin of this intention.

- b. Updating the Tree Inventory: no activity
- c. Notable Tree List: no activity
- d. Tree Maintenance Review for Wilton Center: L. Cherichetti and N. Lee checked the trees in Town Center for needed maintenance. They found the Maple at the Wilton Arms needs removal. They will separate the Town trees and send those to DPW. They have form letters for privately-owned trees to alert the property owners of the need for maintenance. Currently, there is no money to offer the property owners. J. Algon mentioned the program in Fairfield in which their Tree Committee advises homeowners on where and which tree to replant in the right of way, and obtains and plants them for \$150. Algon will get more details for future discussion.
- e. Tree Education Course:
  - i. Professor Claire Rutledge at UConn will present on Emerald Ash Borer on 19 September 2017. *[Post-Meeting Note: The Wilton Library has confirmed availability of space for this lecture.]*

## V. TREE LEGISLATION

- a. No new legislation to discuss.

## VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- a. S. DiLoreto spoke with Anne DeWare about Horseshoe Pond for this season.
- b. The Conservation commission wants to delay further work at Horseshoe Park pending decisions about Schenck's Island. The individual who voiced interest in donating a tree is still willing to do that, but the Committee needs to do that now or wait until Fall. N. Lee will order the tree, which may be a Nyssa.
- c. The red oak near the Veterans' Memorial will be moved shortly after the Arbor Day ceremony.
- d. Spring Newsletter: EAB would make a more pertinent article than tree tagging. K. Throckmorton will prepare the article.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Two Committee members, K. Throckmorton and N. Lee, need to be re-sworn for their new term.
- b. Wilton Go Green: K. Throckmorton will complete the application for the Wilton Go Green Festival to be held Sunday 7 May on the Town Green. K. Throckmorton, W. Meehan and J. Algon will share coverage of the table from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Tree Committee will share the table with the Conservation Commission.
- c. K. Throckmorton will draft a letter indicating that Dudley Rd has at least 30 ash trees that will need to be removed within the next two years, Nod Hill has 20 and Webster has 14, per survey by N. Lee.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

W. Meehan moved and N. Lee seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed 5-0-0, and the meeting ended at 4:43 p.m.

**The next Tree Committee meeting will be Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

19 April 2017, J. Algon

