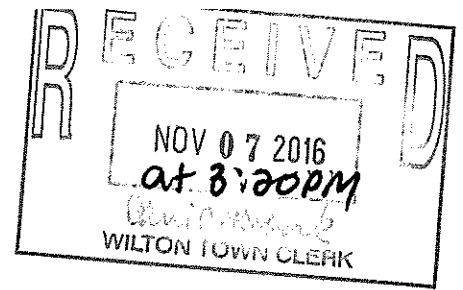


## WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

12 October 2016

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A



Present: Chair Kate Throckmorton, Nick Lee, Bill Meehan, Paul Young, Jackie Algon; guest: First Selectman, Lynne Vanderslice

Excused: Susan DiLoreto

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Kate called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill moved and Nick seconded approval of the minutes of the 13 September 2016 meeting; approved 5-0-0.

### III. TREE WARDEN REPORT

The Committee discussed the need for the *Tree Committee* to be proactive by alerting the Department of Public Works and First Selectperson by memo about the number of trees that will be dead or needing removal in the next few years as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. This will provide time to plan and budget for the additional effort. Nick agreed to conduct a three-street quantitative assessment sampling throughout Wilton.

### IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

#### a. Center Tree Plan Status

- i. Nick will speak with Mike Quincy about the tree to be planted in Barbara Quincy's memory. Jackie to try to identify someone in the Women's League who can determine whether the League will contribute to the purchase of this tree which would be planted as the Tree Steward's tree in 2017.
- ii. Judy Jones would like a tree planted in her husband's name next Spring. We are expecting Judy to contact the Bank of America for permission.

#### b. Updating the Tree Inventory

- i. No updates

#### c. Significant Tree List

Eleanor Sasso has a white oak at 70 Musket Ridge Rd that she recommends as a significant tree. Nick agreed to visit the site and measure the tree.

#### d. Tree Festival at Cranbury Park

We expect to participate next year.

e. Tree Maintenance Review for Wilton Center

Nick recommended watering the Nyssa at the Wilton Bank and the Red Oak at the Veterans' Memorial two to three more times before Thanksgiving. Kate will ask Mike Conklin to have them removed. The Committee offered kudos to the waterers after a challenging summer!

- f. The proposed education outline will remain on the Agenda, but will wait to be addressed until some of the more pressing items on our agenda have been completed.

V. TREE LEGISLATION

None.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- a. Kate will write an article for Fall on Emerald Ash Borer by next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. First Selectman, Lynne Vanderslice, attended the beginning of the meeting to discuss her decision to form a new committee to develop a Master Plan for Town Center. Kate indicated that the Tree Committee does have a Tree Plan for Town Center which includes a tree inventory of the entire Center.

Lynne's asked a representative from the tree committee to participate. The new committee would include representatives from the Conservation Committee, Inland Wetlands, Architecture Review, Chamber of Commerce and Wilton Garden Club. After Lynne left the meeting the committee unanimously agreed Kate will represent the Tree Committee.

- b. Jackie reported to the Committee on two requests from Suzanne Knutson, Garden Club President to move oak two trees that were planted by the committee. The trees are two oaks at the new sculpture and bench site across the street from the Post Office (at the rear of CVS), and the oak located at the Veterans' Memorial. Following the committee's discussion with Lynne, it was decided any tree moving decisions are premature until the new committee was assembled and began formulating a Master Plan. In general the committee was reluctant to move trees that have been planted.

After some discussion the Committee asked Kate to draft an email message to Suzanne indicating future plantings will be coordinated

with the new master plan committee being established by the First Selectperson. In the past, new tree locations decisions are made in conjunction with the Committee, the donor, the land owners, and the Wilton Tree Plan, original developed in 2008. The tree committee welcomes Suzanne's attendance if she wishes to discuss a specific concern.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bill moved and Nick seconded to adjourn; the meeting ended at 5:50 p.m.

**The next Tree Committee meeting will be Wednesday 9 November 2016 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

5 November 2016, J. Algon

