

Wilton Tree Committee
March 11, 2015
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

Present: Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Lars Cherichetti; Nick Lee and Bill Meehan

1. Call to order
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: MOTION was made by Nick Lee, seconded by Bill Meehan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015 as amended.
3. Tree Warden Report
Lars submitted the Tree Warden's Report for January and February. Following a letter submitted for tree removal on Cobbs Mill Road, discussion continued on creating guidelines for tree removals along town roads. Lars volunteered to begin a list of bullets points to be considered for those guidelines.
4. Ongoing Business
 - A. Center Tree Plan Status
 - Updated Wilton Center Tree Map: Mike Conkin will update map when information is available to him. We may have to update current maps for Arbor Day Celebration as a backup.
 - Bench Installations:
Two benches at Stop & Shop now tentatively scheduled for the spring. Installation date depends on DPW schedule.
 - Updating Tree Inventory with Numbers and Tree Tags:
Tags 1-9 were successfully installed last week with stainless steel screws. The committee will purchase additional screws and this will now move forward.
 - Assignment Areas for Inspection and maintenance of Wilton Center:
Wilton Center Areas assignments were distributed at the meeting and will be followed up with an email.
 - New Tree Donations
Three new trees locations and types have been determined. A *Nyssa* will be planted in the island adjacent to the Webster Bank kiosk, and one new *Amerlancheris* will be placed west of the Nyssa closer to the post office. VanAlstyne Tree will be replaced (*Amelanchier*). Kate will check with Liz Larkin on ordering bricks.
 - B. Arbor Day (Friday) April 24, 2015.
Celebration is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon in the Town Green, details to follow. Kate will draft press release within the next

week. At least one of the three trees to be planted this spring will be planted during this celebration.

- Tree Steward 2015
Discussion commenced for two potential nominees for 2015 tree steward.

C. Tree Festival – 2015

- Cranbury Park in Norwalk on Saturday May 16th.
- Barbara has attended the first meeting and will fill us in at the next meeting.

D. Tree City USA

- Tree City Sign
The committee will endeavor to locate and have the Tree City sign installed by the DPW this year (no discussion on this item).

5. Tree Legislation and Laws

An email was circulating by Kate, put out by the Tree Conservation in Greenwich. PURA has a new item on the docket in the State Legislature No. 14-07-18. The email encourages input on previous "vegetation management practices".

6. Communications and Publicity

- Kate will create press release for Arbor Day and the release of the Significant Tree List
- Developing a Tree Education Course
Junius continues to work on his outline of a survey and will circulate when ready.

7. New Business

- Kate spoke about sending several property owners letters regarding tree maintenance: 1) Oak pruning at #142 Old Ridgefield Road and Stop & Shop as follow up on Christmas lights removal, 2) Potential Planting space at #134 and #142 Old Ridgefield. Kate will follow up with Liz Larkin.

8. Adjournment: MOTION was made by Nick Lee, seconded by Bill Meehan to adjourn at 5:45.

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 8, 2015 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

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