

WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

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Present: Chair K. Throckmorton, S. DiLoreto, N. Lee, L. Cherichetti, J. Algon
Excused: W. Meehan

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Committee approved minutes of the April 2018 Meeting, as amended. The amendment was to IV.a.1., to read: "K. Throckmorton is waiting for approval from the management company for the Town Green before a tree is planted there. She received a planting plan for that site intended to be implemented by the management company....

III. TREE WARDEN REPORT

An Ash Tree branch fell and penetrated the windshield of a FedEx truck. The tree was marked for removal, but had not yet been addressed. The ribbons on several trees marked for removal by DPW were taken off by a bicyclist; the trees are listed and can still be identified. A resident requested replacement of a pear tree damaged by DPW, but the tree is in the right of way and will not be replaced there. Wilton has no Risk Manager and, compared with several nearby towns, a small budget for tree maintenance and no dedicated staff for this effort.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Tree Steward 2018:

- i. K. Throckmorton met with First Selectwoman VanderSlice about removing the Norway Maple and replanting a native shade tree on the Town Green. The decision is on hold. K. Throckmorton also met with the condominium association at River Glen, which approved the planting of a Linden Tree on River Road near the Ogden House intersection. The Tree Committee approved the idea of planting more Lindens along River Road. Going forward, the Tree Committee will put out these requests for bid.

1. *Assignment: N. Lee to try to find and purchase one or two more Linden Trees.*

b. Trees for Other sites:

- i. The management company that owns the island behind Wilton Pizza declined to have another tree planted where the Zelkova had been located.

c. Center Tree Inventory and Plan:

- i. No activity

d. Significant Tree List:

- i. J. Algon suggested considering two trees at 151 Skunk Ln as notable trees in Wilton.

e. Tree Education Course:

- i. Mike Johnson and his daughter, Holly, cannot deliver a presentation on trees for pollinators. Mike suggested another person as a speaker. J. Algon will follow-up with their recommendation and will reconnect with Tim Dutcher.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Arbor Day 2018: The ceremony went well; a photo from the event at Merwin Meadows will be posted in the local newspaper and will include a short article on Tina Duncan's many contributions to the Town.
- b. K. Throckmorton will contact the Library staff about proper pruning of the trees on their property.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION

- a. None.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- a. Spring-Fall Newsletter Potential Topics: The Tree Committee agreed to include an article on laws for trees on private property and how residents can prevent problems.
- b. Community Canopy Project:

S. DiLoreto reported on the Community Canopy Project. The Committee agreed an article or two to encourage interest and encourage sign-up should begin as soon as possible. A draft article is ready. We will seek funding and in-kind support for the project from High School clubs such as Energy, Wilton Go Green, Wilton Conservation Commission. We may email a flyer to our contact list.

 - 1. *S. DiLoreto will email a list of tree choices for the Committee to select the trees to be on offer.*

2. *The Tree Committee will create an 'Interest article' to assess the likelihood of selling 100 trees in Wilton.*

VIII. Tree Legislation:

- a. No activity

IX. ADJOURNMENT

S. DiLoreto moved and L. Cherichetti seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting which passed 4-0-0; the meeting ended at 5:50 p.m. after which several members walked River Road to consider locations for future shade trees to be planted.

The next Tree Committee meeting will be Wednesday, 9 June 2018 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

15 May 2018, J. Algon