

TREE COMMITTEE  
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**Wilton Tree Committee  
Wednesday, 12 June, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Suzanne Knutson, Kimberley Young, Jackie Algon  
Absent: Lars Cherichetti Tree Warden, Susan DiLoreto,  
Interviewee: Scott McQuarrie at 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

J. Algon called the meeting to order at 5:02.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes were approved for earlier meetings including 8 February 2019, 8 March 2019, 19 March 2019 and 20 May 2019. In all of these, the spelling of K. Young's first name should include a second 'e' as Kimberley. On 19 March minutes, II.1. to remove 'd' in 'postponed', and VII.3. to be deleted as redundant to VII.1.

III. Tree Warden's Report – none.

IV. Ongoing Business

1. Open Positions on Tree Committee (TC)

- i. The Committee agreed to push forward for Board of Selectmen approval of Wayne Gura and Peggy Vanacker. Following interview with Scott McQuarrie, we will also try to obtain his BOS approval quickly, as well, and then obtain the Conservation Commission's approval afterward. *[Post-meeting note: J. Algon contacted both Gura and Vanacker and they are still willing to serve on the Tree Committee. They are now aware of Conservation Commission approvals, and they will be contacted as soon as BOS approves. J. Algon emailed First Selectwoman to see if all three candidates can be considered at 17 June BOS meeting; she prefers that the Tree Committee Chair meet with her, M. Conklin and S. DiLoreto to discuss the Retrospective Accomplishments and the Goals and Objectives prior to considering the new candidates. Her Assistant will set-up this meeting.]*
- ii. The Committee interviewed Scott McQuarrie.

2. Center Tree Plan – no activity

3. Wilton Center Tree Inventory – no activity
4. Bricks for planted trees – no activity

V. New Business

1. S. Knutson indicated her observation that local Sycamore trees are not leafing-out properly. *[Post-meeting note: per E. Craig, Sycamores, which are normally late to leaf-out, are suffering from anthracnose, which will stress them and result in initial abnormal leaf break; the second flush of leaves will be normal.]*
2. Holiday Tree Location: The Tree Committee looked at the Town Green and recommends moving the Katsura tree that is West of the merchants' sign on the Town Green to the Chess Park, and replanting in that location on the Town Green with a Blue Spruce as the Holiday Tree. That is probably the ideal spot for a tree to flourish on the Town Green; other locations, other than at the area where the Norway Maple is growing or adjacent to the Bank of America, are likely to stress any tree planted. These other two possible spots are not preferable for a Holiday Tree, as they are not easily viewed from the road.
  - i. Assignment: S. Knutson to email First Selectwoman with recommendation.
3. There are currently three trees on the donation program to be procured and planted this Fall.
  - i. Consider planting trees at Allen's Meadow along the east side of the parking lot to provide shade for athletes and cars parked in the lot. Trees should match those on the West side of the parking lot to create a balanced appearance.
  - ii. Determine disposition of tree that died at Village Market
  - iii. There is a location adjacent to the Bank of America on the Town Green where a tree died and could be replanted with a native understory tree.
    1. Assignment: J. Algon to discuss these possibilities with Steve Pierce, Village Market

VI. Legislation and Laws

1. K. Young provided an article by Eric Hammerling "Connecticut is #1 in Urban Forests" for awareness.

VII. Publications and Publicity - none

VIII. Adjournment

S. Knutson moved and K. Young seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40, which was approved 3-0-0.

**Next meeting Wednesday, 10 July 2019 at 6 p.m. at Town Annex.**  
**Please note the change in start time of these meetings going forward!!**