

Wilton Tree Committee

**Minutes**

October 9, 2013

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

**Present:** Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Susan Diloreto; Barbara Quincy; Paul Young, Tree Warden

1. Call to order  
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the September 11, 2013 meetings were approved.
3. Tree Warden Report  
Paul gave the Tree Warden's report. He noted that CL&P were doing a great deal of work "pushing the tree line back" which in the long run will help the town's road crews.
4. Ongoing Business
  - America-the-Beautiful Grant  
Susan has consulted with Kate on the article for the newspaper on this grant. The article will include a photo of the bricks that will be installed this fall identifying the donated trees in Wilton Center.
  - Center Tree Plan Status  
The new bench for Stop and Shop is expected to be installed this fall. Three flowering trees have been donated. Nick and Kate are considering sites at the ABC House, the Library, and at 12 Godfrey Place. They are hoping to receive shade trees for future donations.
  - The Tree Festival 2014 planning  
Kate is waiting to hear from Liz Craig (Wilton Garden Club member) regarding their availability to participate.
  - Tree removal at 1 Tito Lane  
Janine Saraiva stated that she was not sure what the Committee was looking for regarding the Town property in front of her home on Tito Lane. Kate assured her that we want to be flexible but were interested in replanting the area with native trees and shrubs. She was advised to consult with her landscaper (Hoffman) regarding the restoration. She was also advised that the stone wall that she is having constructed needs to meet the guidelines for scenic roads.

- Future Tree Stewards qualifications  
Paul suggested having a broad basis for consideration.

5. New Business

- No action has been taken on initiating a tree inventory of existing large trees.
- No action has been taken on securing a new Grant, but we are hoping to continue tree maintenance in the Center.
- Brick Tree markers are here and need sorting before the installation.

6. Other Items

- Pruning of locust trees on River Road (by "The Gap")  
A poor job of pruning was done. Kate will inquire who did the job and request that Pat Sesto write a letter to provide guidance for future pruning.
- Kate suggest outreaching to several private landowners in the Center requesting that the owners allow trees to be planted. The properties include (1) The Hubbard Building and (2) The Bank of America. Shade trees are needed. The existing beech tree at the Bank is in poor condition. We should focus on these properties for next year's tree donations.

7. Adjourn

Chairman Throckmorton adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday November 13 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex. (Note the time change.)**

11/6/13 –Barbara Quincy