

TREE COMMITTEE
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TOWN HALL
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Wilton Tree Committee Minutes
Wednesday, 13 November 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jackie Algon, Susan DiLoreto Susan Knutson, Kim Young, Scott MacQuarrie
Excused: Peggy Van Acker, Lars Cherichetti, Tree Warden

- I. Call to Order
J. Algon called the meeting to order at 7:06
- II. Approval of Minutes - Minutes were approved 4-0-1 for earlier meetings of September and October.
- III. Tree Warden's Report – none
- IV. Ongoing Business
 1. Open Positions on Tree Committee

J. Algon reported the last open position on the Tree Committee is still pending approval by the Board of Selectmen as it was not taken up at their 21 Oct meeting; it may be scheduled for consideration at the next meeting.
 2. Holiday Spruce Tree

A 12' Norway Spruce was purchased to replace the current Norway Spruce that is dying/dead on the Town Green. The Tree Committee agreed to planting the new tree in the same place or a bit east of the original tree once that one has been removed, rather than relocating the Katsura tree. The cause of death of the original tree was likely to have been girdling due to holiday light cables. The placement of the tree in the original site is therefore not necessarily contraindicated. J. Algon to request that the overhanging limb from the existing nearby tree which was trimmed recently be cut back to the stem to allow more light for the new tree.
 3. Other Donated Trees
 - a. White Oak for Arborist Act – Committee agreed to place the white oak as the start of an allee on the back road leading to Belden Hill Rd from Miller-Driscoll School if the Principal approves. J. Algon to consult with her.
 - b. Alton Johnson trees - Committee decided to obtain a white oak to place at Miller-Driscoll School and a white or pink dogwood (*C. florida*) to place on the Town

Green in the southwest corner where a tree had died. There was a suggestion to seek a Rutgers stock *Cornus* if available.

3. Wilton Center Tree Inventory - no activity
4. Bricks for planted trees – Three bricks for previously planted trees have been received. They will be scheduled for placement at the next meeting.
5. Use of plaques associated with donated trees:
The Committee discussed a request from the Overby family to put a small plaque near the tree planted in Jim's memory, particularly with respect to precedence. The Committee agreed to post all such memorabilia on our Website going forward.

V. New Business

1. Donation Brochure Draft – J. Algon provided a draft of a new Tree Donation Brochure for consideration. S. Knutson volunteered to read and edit it for the next meeting.
2. Dead tree at Hurlbutt School – J. Algon reported that L. Schmidt had asked how to proceed in having a dead tree removed that is located adjacent to Hurlbutt School. She was advised to contact L. Cherichetti.
3. S. MacQuarrie agreed to provide leadership on postings to our website page. J. Algon to provide wording of the Overby 'virtual plaque' to Scott to post.

VI. Legislation and Laws – no activity

- VII. Adjournment – The Tree Committee adjournment was approved 6-0-0. The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, 11 December, 2019

Note start time: 6:00pm at Comstock Community Center, Room 32

24 November 2019, J. Algon