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WILTON TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday May 13, 2020 – 6:00 pm
Teleconference Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jackie Algon, Suzanne Knutson, Peggy Van Acker, Scott MacQuarrie, Wayne Gura, Kimberley Young, Susan DiLoreto
Excused: Lars Cherichetti

I. CALL TO ORDER

J. Algon called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the March 18, 2020 meeting and the special meeting was approved. P. Van Acker motioned, and S. Knutson seconded.

III. TREE WARDEN REPORT – None

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

Status of planting the oak tree for Miller Driscoll School was discussed. The principal of Miller Driscoll has approved the planting, but the superintendent of schools has not yet responded. Nick Lee has the tree healed in, but it needs to be planted soon. P. Van Acker, J. Algon S. MacQuarrie and W. Gura will meet Wednesday, May 20th to determine where the tree will be planted. A Park and Recreation employee will also be asked to agree with the site. They will be watering the tree this summer.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reports from subcommittees

Education – P. Van Acker wrote an article on flowering trees for the newsletter.

2. Development of spread sheet for tracking tree maintenance – S. DiLoreto and W. Gura will ask L. Cherichetti to check with other towns to see what programs they may be using. There is \$2,000 in this year's budget for tree maintenance that needs to be used by July. There is a dead dogwood tree on Main Street by the Pearsall building that needs to be removed.

3. Tree tags – J. Algon has the new tree tags. S. DiLoreto will check with L. Cherichetti to see which trees need the tags.

4. Bricks – There are between 6-8 bricks that need to be “planted”. We need a comprehensive spread sheet to know where the bricks are needed. S. DiLoreto will also ask L. Cherichetti about this. J. Algon will put the bricks by the trees donated by Del Overby.
5. Donation Brochure – W. Gura will print out 6 copies and sent a PDF to J. Algon. These will be sent to Mike Conklin and then to the Board of Selectmen for approval. These should get out before the June meeting so that they will be ready to go out to the town public in August.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS – non to report

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

1. Next Newsletter – P. Van Acker will write an article on attractive ground covers for underneath trees. E. Larkin needs everything by Memorial Day weekend to get it in the newsletter. Other suggestions for articles include, easy pollinators and cats indoors.
2. Preparation of a webinar series on trees during Covid-19 lockdown – We can ask L. Cherichetti to do one on tree identification and P. Van Acker suggested doing one on different species of oaks.

VIII. ADJOURN

S. Knutson motioned and W. Gura seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm

Approved 7-0-0

Respectively submitted by Kimberley Young 5.18.20