



TREE COMMITTEE  
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## **WILTON TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jackie Algon, Suzanne Knutson (at 6:45), 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 May 13, 2020 meeting and the special meeting of May 22, 2020 were approved. P. Van Acker motioned, and S. Knutson seconded, 6-0-0.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT –
  - a. Lars Cherichetti sent a tree wardens' report on tree maintenance in town. The majority of the dying trees are Ash (50%). Lars Cherichetti and Nick Lee will take down as many as possible; they should be able to have approximately 20 trees trimmed.
  - b. Money from the fiscal year is needed to be used before the end of June. Halfdan Prah has been hired to trim trees in town that need maintenance. The Oaks by the library should be a priority.
  - c. Nick Lee is also working with Eversource to coordinate utility pruning. All this work needs to be coordinated with Mike Conklin, as well. We need coordination between DPW, Conservation Commission and the Tree Committee. Susan DiLoreto will follow up with Lars to see how other town tree wardens coordinate their spreadsheets.
- 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.

The tree could be planted by the foot bridge on Schenck's Island as an alternative. Susan DiLoreto will follow up with Nick Lee and Mike Conklin concerning this.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Reports from subcommittees –Jackie Algon and Susan DiLoreto prepared articles on greening back yards and lawns with suggestions for ground covers for the June Newsletter. Peggy will prepare a list of native shrubs for a Fall newsletter.
- b. Development of spreadsheet for tracking tree maintenance – Susan DiLoreto will continue to follow up with Lars Cherichetti.
- c. Tree tags – J. Algon has the tree tags. Jackie will coordinate a time to meet in town to put up the tags either during the middle of the day or later in the evening. Scott MacQuarrie, Peggy VanAcker and Kimberley Young will assist when the Town's Covid requirements allow.
- d. Bricks – we will work on "planting" bricks in the fall.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS – none to report

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

1. Next Newsletter – P. VanAcker will write an article on native shrubs.
2. Preparation of a webinar series on trees during Covid-19 lockdown – we will hold off on this.

VIII. ADJOURN

P. Van Acker motioned and Scott MacQuarrie seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm; approved 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Kimberley Young 6.11.20