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## **WILTON TREE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jackie Algon, Suzanne Knutson, Wayne Gura, Kimberley Young and Peggy Van Acker  
Excused: Scott MacQuarrie; also absent: Lars Cherichetti

- I. J. Algon called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved with the following correction: Section 4b, last sentence adds the date that trees were last pruned. K. Young moved and J. Algon seconded.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT – L. Cherichetti was unable to attend so discussion was tabled.
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS
  - A. J. Algon will call Alton Johnson to explain that the tree planting will be postponed until the fall because of the impending cicada infestation and the lack of consistent watering during the summer. We can plan to plant the two Alton Johnson trees and the 2020 and 2021 Tree Stewardship Award trees in the fall.
  - B. W. Gura will continue to work on a spreadsheet to keep track of the health status and maintenance for Wilton's trees. This will include tree location, donor/honoree, maintenance priorities, and a comments section. P. Van Acker, W. Gura and L. Cherichetti will plan to meet April 15 to go over the spreadsheet.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Status of Ordinance Concepts for Wilton – A few revisions were made to the document and L. Cherichetti will be asked to review the document. A special thanks to S. Knutson for completing this project.
  - B. The One Tree Project – J. Algon will contact Louise Washer about the source and price of tree whips. These trees can be planted in open spaces that have lost trees from storms. She will get more information on how the One Tree Project works and what funding might be available, with the goal being to seek funding and to plant in the fall.

- VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS – nothing to report
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY
  - A. Next newsletter – P. Van Acker’s article on shrubs will be in the next newsletter. Other article suggestions are trees species for planting and the importance of “messy gardens” and the need to stop clearing of yards.
  - B. J. Cole joined the meeting and thanked the Tree Committee for preparing the ordinance documents for the Board of Selectmen.
- VIII. ADJOURN – W. Gura motioned, and S. Knutson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by K. Young 5/16/21