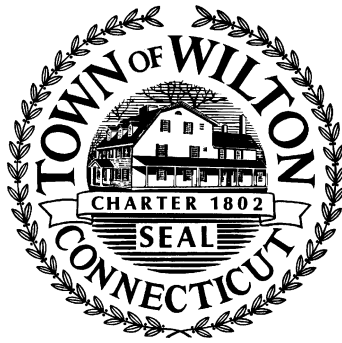


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## **WILTON TREE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

### **Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jackie Algon, Suzanne Knutson, Wayne Gura and Kimberley Young

Excused: Scott MacQuarrie, Peggy Van Acker also absent: Lars Cherichetti

- I. J. Algon called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. S. Knutson moved and J. Algon seconded.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT – L. Cherichetti was unable to attend so discussion was tabled.
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS
  - A. 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. J. Algon will set up a meeting for L. Cherichetti, M. Van Acker and W. Gura.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Tree Awards - Two trees will be planted this fall for the Tree Stewardship Award. The 2020 award was given to Elizabeth Craig and the 2021 award will be given to Nick Lee. S. Knutson will help to coordinate the planting with Copia. This order also will include one tree that was to be planted last fall as a donation and the two Stewardship awards. A redbud has been suggested for planting on Schenck's Island and perhaps a white oak near the river in town; the donated tree will be a dogwood (pink).
  - B. Status of Ordinance Concepts for Wilton – M. Conklin has given comments on an early version of the proposed ordinance which was posted on the website. S. Knutson and J. Algon have revised the document and it will be sent to M. Conklin, L. Cherichetti, DPW and S. Pierce for final comments. When this is approved, final copies will be sent to the Conservation Commission and to the Tree Committee members before forwarding to the Board of Selectmen.

- C. One Tree Planted Project – NRW underwrote a One Tree Planted project to provide 300+ native tree whips that were given away at the Wilton Garden Plant Sale last weekend. One Tree Planted will need to find another donor if they want to give away trees in the fall. We plan to plant trees in some of the town parks where there have been significant blow downs if we can identify the donor.
- VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS – HB6164 AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR NATURAL BARRIER PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE. This act has not yet come up for public hearing. The Tree Committee will track it to determine whether any opinion is appropriate.
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY
  - A. Next newsletter – We plan to print the bios of the Tree Committee members.
- VIII . ADJOURN – W. Gura motioned, and S. Knutson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:45, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by K. Young 5/13/21