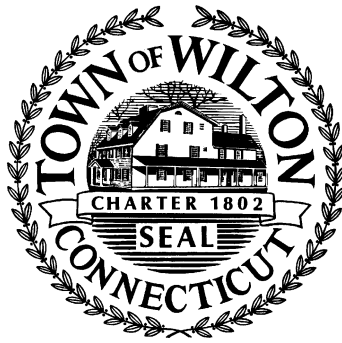


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## **WILTON TREE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

- I. J. Algon called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. W. Gura moved and S. Knutson seconded.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT – L. Cherichetti was unable to attend so discussion was tabled.
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

W. Gura and L. Cherichetti met to discuss the town tree spreadsheet. The current spreadsheet is not flexible enough. L. Cherichetti gave the name of Danica Dorski, who works with Connecticut State trees. She has recommended tree software such as Tree Plotter Inventory, Open Tree Map and Sheet Tree Inventory. These programs are expensive, and free software is not acceptable. W. Gura and P. Van Acker will meet and continue to work on this.

- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. Arbor Day Event Planning – The event will be Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. S. Knutson will order the trees from Copia and have them planted prior to the event. J. Algon will contact the Selectwoman's office and ask for her participation and see if someone from DEEP can also attend. J. Algon will also send letters out to the two Arbor Day Award recipients and put out a press release.
  - 2. Reports from Subcommittees – already covered.
  - 3. Status of Ordinance concepts for Wilton – The Conservation Committee will look at the proposal next week. Highlighted, final copies will be sent to the Board of Selectmen, Mike Conklin, L. Cherichetti, Steve Pierce and the Department of Public Works for review.

4. Tree plantings in open spaces – A donor is needed and J. Algon will write a grant proposal to be sent to Connecticut Master Gardener Grants. We would propose to purchase 200 whips of native trees and coordinate a community effort to plant whips in park areas where there has been significant blowdown.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS – none

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

1. Next Newsletter – P. Van Acker will work on an article on the importance of leaf mulch.

VIII. ADJOURN – W. Gura motioned, and S. Knutson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:46; unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted by K. Young 6/11/21