

## WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

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Town Hall Annex and Wilton Center

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Present: Chair K. Throckmorton, S. DiLoreto, N. Lee, W. Meehan, J. Algon

Excused: P. Young

### I. CALL TO ORDER

K. Throckmorton called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

W. Meehan moved and N. Lee seconded approval of the minutes of the 17 July 2017 Meeting, which were approved as amended, 5-0-0.

### III. TREE WARDEN REPORT

No report

### IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

#### a. Center Tree Plan Status:

- i. Tree Plan: K. Throckmorton received a request from the Dibner family to plant a memorial tree in Spring 2018. The Tree Committee will consider which type and location for the tree.
- ii. The Committee agreed to a request to help advise the Presbyterian Church staff on a tree to be planted there in November. K. Throckmorton will meet with the Church's representative once the Church has given permission for the planting.
- iii. S. DiLoreto indicated the tree, and possibly a bench, will be determine when A. DeWare is available for discussion; consultation with the Wilton Garden Club and the First Selectman will occur before purchase or placement of either a tree or bench.

#### b. Updating the Tree Inventory: The inventory will be updated to reflect tags placed in July.

#### c. Notable Tree List: K. Throckmorton will contact C. Taney about the white oak tree at the entrance to the NRVF that needs understory trees cleared; she will suggest collaborative maintenance.

#### d. Tree Maintenance Review for Wilton Center:

- i. K. Throckmorton spoke with L. Cherichetti about making notes and passing them to E. Larkin to update the list.
- ii. K. Throckmorton will send an advisory to the First Selectman with a cc to DPW alerting them that due to the

weather and Emerald Ash Borer, there will be an increase in stressed and/or dying trees in the community, which will have an impact on budgeting for the upcoming years.

- e. Tree Education Course: The EAB lecture at the Library by Dr. Claire Rutledge was considered successful and informative. K. Throckmorton shared some of the new information she gleaned from the presentation; particularly of note was current treatment of specimen trees. An excellent and comprehensive website is [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info). The Committee agreed to plan for a Spring lecture on good trees to plant as habitat and nourishment for pollinators. J. Algon will identify a speaker for that.

V. TREE LEGISLATION

No new legislation

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VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- K. Throckmorton to draft a Fall article of actions to take for trees as protection against drought.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. K. Throckmorton and N. Lee have been re-sworn for their new term.
- b. The red oak tree will be moved in the next week.
- c. The red maple will be watered.
- d. K. Throckmorton recommended and will draft a formal document on pruning to be posted on the website. This will be an adaptation of the standard practices for arborists for pruning street trees (including safety, young *vs* mature trees, *etc.*)
- e. W. Meehan will contact M. Conklin to determine (1) which organizations are outstanding in fulfilling their pledge for the Quincy tree, and (2) that a Tree Donations account has been set-up enabling the public to make tree donations when they wish to do so.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

W. Meehan moved and K. Throckmorton seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed 5-0-0, and the meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

**The next Tree Committee meeting will be Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex. There will be no meeting in August.**

17 October 2017, J. Algon