

WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

28 March 2017

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

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

Excused: P. Young, S. DiLoreto

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I. CALL TO ORDER

K. Throckmorton called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Throckmorton moved and W. Meehan seconded the approval of the minutes of the 11 January 2017 meeting as amended. The minutes were approved 4-0-0.

III. TREE WARDEN REPORT

Lars Cherichetti provided the Tree Warden's Report. K. Throckmorton will ask Lars to begin attending meetings if P. Young cannot attend. N. Lee will check with P. Young to ascertain whether he can continue coming to meetings.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Center Tree Plan Status:

i. Tree for Barbara Quincy

1. Barbara Quincy will be named Tree Steward and the tree in her memory will be planted on Arbor Day, Friday, 28 April. Throckmorton will alert the First Selectman to put it on her calendar; she will notify Jeannette Ross of *The Bulletin* for coverage and will reach out to the family to attend.
2. N. Lee reported he has gotten no response from B. Quincy's son, and J. Algon indicated the Women's Club responded that Barbara was not an active member. J. Algon will check with the League of Woman Voters about their making a donation for the tree; W. Meehan will ask Kiwanis for a donation.
3. The Committee's preference is to plant a shade tree at the corner of Old Hubbard and Old Ridgefield Roads;

K. Throckmorton will advise M. Conklin of this intention.

- ii. Judy Jones will check with the Library about planting a tree on that site in memory of her husband.
- b. Updating the Tree Inventory: no activity
- c. Notable Tree List: no activity
- d. Garden Club Plantings: S. Knutson, President of the Wilton Garden Club, provided K. Throckmorton a list of the 10 gardens that are under the WGC's care to use in future tree planting location decisions.
- e. Tree Maintenance Review for Wilton Center: no activity; the Committee will continue tagging trees in Town Center when the weather is amenable.
- f. America the Beautiful (ATB) Grant:
 - i. The ATB Grant was denied and M. Conklin is trying to obtain funds for replacement trees at Schenck's Island through private donors.
 - ii. W. Meehan recommended reapplying for the Grant in the next request cycle.
- g. Tree Education Course:
 - i. J. Algon took an assignment to identify a speaker for this Fall. *[Post-meeting note: J. Algon will contact Dr. Claire Rutledge to speak on Emerald Ash Borer]*

V. TREE LEGISLATION

- a. No new legislation to discuss.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- a. S. DiLoreto had taken an assignment to develop a news article for Spring 2017 on tagging; K. Throckmorton will prepare an article on ash tree decline. N. Lee will prepare some key points and forward them to K. Throckmorton regarding his findings on the condition of ash trees at various locations throughout Wilton. Kate will alert the First Selectman about the ash trees that are in the right-of-way that need, or will soon need, removal.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Two Committee members need to be re-sworn for their new term: K. Throckmorton, N. Lee need to be re-sworn.

- b. Gift Tree at Horseshoe Pond: S. DiLoreto will obtain the specifics on the tree to be planted and will inform N. Lee so he can order it for Spring planting.
- c. Wilton Go Green: k.Throckmorton will complete the application for the Wilton Go Green Festival to be held Sunday 7 May on the Town Green. The Committee will need volunteers to cover the table from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

J. Algon moved and N. Lee seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed 4-0-0, and the meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

The next Tree Committee meeting will be Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

2 April 2017, J. Algon

