

Wilton Tree Committee

Minutes

December 11, 2013

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

Present: Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Nick Lee; Bill Meehan; Barbara Quincy; Paul Young, Tree Warden

1. Call to order

Kate called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

2. Tree Warden Report

Paul gave the Tree Warden's report. He is pleased that the DPW is finally able to move forward with his previous requests for tree maintenance and removal.

Kate scrambled the agenda to discuss the tree removal at 1 Tito Lane, so Paul could leave early. Paul verified that there had been some tree removal (between 10 and 12) before he got to the site on May 15th. After Pat Sesto's office was notified, Mike Conklin investigated the site and submitted a written memo, noting that trees were removed in the Town right of way and that the stone wall is actually the property line. Pat, Bill Brennan and the Town Attorney met with the owners and are hopeful that the owners will cooperate on a restoration plan.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

4. Ongoing Business

- Center Tree Plan Status

The new bench for Stop and Shop has not yet been installed. Tree donations for the fall will be postponed until the spring of 2014, due to availability and time constraints. Liz will notify the donors of the delay.

One spring flowering shade tree donation has been received. The brick markers are installed with one exception – The Casey Family tree. This situation will be remedied in the spring.

The Wilton Bulletin Article was published along with photos of the brick installation.

Lars will be asked to lead the updating of the tree inventory with numbers and tree tags

- The Tree Festival 2014 planning

Bill suggested that the Wilton Chamber of Commerce be asked to recruit some of their members to get involved.

Barbara will get in touch with Tina Duncan regarding donations. It appears that there will be limited financial backing from Wilton businesses.

- Future Tree Stewards qualifications
Candidate should be either a resident or a business in Wilton.
Discussion to be continued at a later meeting.

5. New Business

- It was agreed to send letters to solicit tree planting locations on private land in the Center. Kate distributed a draft letter.
- After noting some bad pruning practices on Center trees, it was agreed to send a letter to business owners explaining proper pruning practices. The Stop and Shop property was given as an example. Kate distributed a draft letter.

6. Election of Officers

- Kate was re-elected Chairman and Barbara was re-elected as Secretary.

7. Adjourn

Chairman Throckmorton adjourned the meeting at 4:40

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 8 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex. (Note the time change.)

1/6/2014 –Barbara Quincy