

Wilton Tree Committee

Corrected Minutes

March 13, 2013
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

Present: Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Lars Cherichetti;
Susan Diloreto; Nick Lee; Barbara Quincy; Paul Young, Tree Warden

Absent: William Meehan

1. Call to order
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
The corrected minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. Tree Warden Report
Paul gave the Tree Warden's report for January. There was no report for February.

4. Ongoing Business
 - America-the-Beautiful Grant Implementation Activities

Kate reported that Chris Lavin (MCL Ventures) had agreed in principle to prune the sugar maple by the Piersall Building and the Zelkovas by CVS.

The Pet Pantry has approved work on the girdled tree on their property.

Two silver maples (town trees) at Hubbard Road and Old Ridgefield Road will be trimmed and pruned.

Trees on the library property have already been pruned by Charlie Robinson.

Improvements suggested at the January meeting have been made to the web page

Nick will move the white pine slab designated for the Museum in the Street panel to town owned property.

Barbara will consult with Bob and Carol Russell regarding dates to include on the panel. Lars will count the rings to assess the age of the slab.

The completion deadline for the America-the-Beautiful Grant is June 2013.

Kate advised committee members to continue to keep track of their in-kind services, and thanked Liz Larkin for completing the paperwork to ensure that we maintained our Tree City USA status.

- **Center Tree Plan Status**
Five new trees have been donated as a result of Bill's letter in the Wilton Bulletin. Four cherry trees will be planted by the Piersall Building and a Kousa dogwood will be placed by an existing bench on the library property. One additional bench has been donated by Peter Gaboriault. A suggested location for the bench is on the Stop & Shop site. The tree plantings at the library will occur as part of the Arbor Day celebration on May 5.
Lars presented a revised Center Tree Plan and had the following suggestions:
 - Planting sites should be established by number
 - The area around the Congregational Church and Old Town Hall should be included in the Center Tree Plan
 - All donated trees should be identified with metal tags (Obtaining permission of property owners first)
 - List the tree owners on the next inventory
 Kate will work with Mike Conklin to refine the aerial map with Lars' inventory. Any revisions in the inventory list must include the date of the revision. All agreed that Lars had done an excellent job with the inventory. He has agreed to update the spreadsheet as needed.
- **Membership Vacancies**
The Committee welcomed Lars and Susan as members. The Committee is now at full strength.

5. New Business

- **Norwalk-Wilton Tree Festival May 11, 2013**
The Festival is becoming a regional event, with this year's participation of Westport and Darien.
Kate will once again run the Children's Activities Booth. Lars will have a pruning demonstration booth. The Conservation Commission and the Land Trust are expected to participate. Barbara will continue to attend the planning meetings and assist with procurement of donated food. Junius will ask Kiwanis Club for volunteers. Bill will be asked to inquire about volunteers from the Rotary Club. Nick and Paul will have a Tree Warden Booth.
Suggestions for Tree Steward include Bruce Beebe, Jerry Finch, Carol Russell, Mike Conklin, and Young's Nursery. Kate will send out a ballot so that Committee members can vote for their choice.
- **Arbor Day Planning 2013**
The Tree Committee will have a table at the Wilton Go-Green Festival on May 5. Hours are from 11-4. Tents will not be provided.

Copies of publications to be distributed include: Ash borer article (as published in the Wilton Bulletin,) the Tree Owner's manual (Paul has quite a few copies,) and "Right Tree, Right Place" (currently on our website). Additional suggestions include a website information card, and a list of documents available from the website. Kate will ask Liz about using the town logo on the website cards.

6. Adjourn

Chairman Throckmorton adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 10 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

3/26/13 – Barbara Quincy