

Wilton Tree Committee

Draft Minutes

April 9, 2014

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

Present: Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Lars Cherichetti; Nick Lee; Bill Meehan; Barbara Quincy; Tree Warden Paul Young

1. Call to order
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Tree Warden Report
Paul gave the Tree Warden's report. CL&P has removed 10 trees along the transmission wires by the parking area near Trackside. They will be replaced by 9 crabapple and 3 American holly. In addition, a 24" Norway maple has been posted for removal at 13 Salem Lane.
4. Ongoing Business
 - Center Tree Plan Status
The new bench for Stop and Shop (donated by Pramer Fuel) and the replacement bench at the adopt-a-spot across the street from the Stop and Shop Center (donated by Peter Gaboriault) they will be ordered and hopefully installed this spring.
The 5 donated trees to be planted this spring have been ordered by Nick. The Casey tree (Old Ridgefield Road) will also be planted this spring and the remaining brick will be installed. A recently donated tree from the Begor Family will be acquired and planted in the fall. The updating of the tree inventory with numbers and tree tags is an on-going project. Kate has delivered the new tags to Lars. Tagging will begin with the trees on Town Green.
Date TBD.
 - The Tree Festival 2014 planning
Barbara reported that Alice Levin has volunteered to help staff the booth, which will be shared with the Conservation Commission. The Tree Committee is invited to the opening of the Gallery Show "A Celebration of Trees" which Pat Hegnauer is organizing at the Gilbert and Bennett Cultural Center to promote interest in Wilton for the Festival. The opening night is April 22, between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will feature

painting, sculpture and mixed media displays. The show will continue thru May 6th.

- Wilton Go-Green Festival May 4th
The Tree Steward Award will be awarded at 3 pm in the courtyard at the library. Kate asked for volunteers to help staff the Tree Committee booth. The hours are 11-3. She will send an email with the schedule. All members are encouraged to attend the festival.
- Tree removal at 1 Tito Lane
The Town is still following this issue.
- Future Tree Stewards qualifications
The Committee adopted this wording: "*A constant and willing contributor to tree protection and stewardship in our community.*" Alice Levin was the unanimous choice to be this year's recipient.

5. New Business

Lars reported that Paul Young recently retired from the Tree Warden Board of Directors and received an award for outstanding service.

Bill read from a new proposed state statute regarding the responsibility for fallen trees when they fall on adjacent property. He will email a copy of the proposed legislation.

6. Adjourn

Chairman Throckmorton adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 14 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

4/16/14 Barbara Quincy