

Wilton Tree Committee

CORRECTED Minutes

January 8, 2014

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

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

1. Call to order
Kate called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. Tree Warden Report
Paul gave the Tree Warden's report. He told the Committee that CL&P director Douglas Pistauka assured him that 95 % of the proposed work for 2013 involving roadside clearance for power lines in Wilton has been completed.
4. Ongoing Business
 - Center Tree Plan Status
It was discovered that the new bench for Stop and Shop was previously paid for by Palmer Fuel but not installed. Therefore Peter Gaboriaults' bench donation will likely be a replace bench for an older one across the street that needs significant repair.
The planting of recently donated trees will be postponed until the spring of 2014. These include 3 shadblow (Dovel, Gassaway, Van Alstyne) at the Library, 1 dogwood (Casey) on Old Ridgefield Road, and 1 shadblow (Gillespie), location TBD.
The updating of the tree inventory with numbers and tree tags is an on-going project. A numbers column will be added to the spreadsheet. Tags will be begin to be installed in the spring of 2014.
 - The Tree Festival 2014 planning
Barbara reported that Liz Craig is willing to solicit donations from two sources, and will attend the meetings when able. Barbara will also attend the planning meetings.
 - Tree removal at 1 Tito Lane
Kate has not received any new information on this issue. The Town is still looking for a planting plant from the owners.

- Future Tree Stewards qualifications
Kate will send out a list of previous Tree Stewards.

5. New Business

Letters will be sent on Town stationery to solicit tree planting locations on private land and provide proper guidance on pruning and mulching in the Center. Kate will personally contact MCL Ventures. Bill will stop in Bank of America to hand deliver letter to branch manager and put an announcement in the Chamber bulletin

- A letter will go to the Stop and Shop Shopping Complex regarding proper pruning and mulching techniques.

6. Other Items

- Town of Wilton - Code of Ethics
Kate distributed the Town's booklet and requested all members of the Committee to go to Town Hall and be sworn in as required from the First Selectmen's office (again.)
Articles: from the "Landscape and Irrigation" magazine- December 2014, authored by Rhonda Santos entitled "Is the Elimination of the Asian Longhorned Beetle Possible" was distributed Lars suggested sending this article to tree companies working in Wilton. In order to do this, contact information is needed - either email or snail mail. It is important to let the tree companies know that the Tree Committee exists, and to assist them recognizing the importance of containing the Asian Long Horn Beetle. It would be helpful to have a running list of companies that work on trees in Wilton.

7. Adjourn

Chairman Throckmorton adjourned the meeting at 4:42.

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 12 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex. (Note the time change.)

1/22/14 Barbara Quincy