

Wilton Tree Committee

**Minutes**

July 9, 2014

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

**Present:** Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Lars Cherichetti; Nick Lee; Bill Meehan; Barbara Quincy;

1. Call to order  
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.
3. Tree Warden Report  
Lars submitted the Tree Warden's report. 41 Trees were posted for removal at Station Road near Trackside. Bill suggested that the Tree Committee obtain a conceptual map of the new Yankee Gas pipeline to better understand the effect of the construction on trees in Wilton Center.
4. Ongoing Business
  - Center Tree Plan Status  
All donated trees have been planted.
  - Updated Wilton Center Tree Map  
Mike Conklin will be updating the new plan
  - Tree Watering for newly planted trees  
Mike Conklin will be watering the newly planted trees. Some bags will be needed for trees planted by the Piersall Building.
  - Arbor Day  
Kate suggested holding this event on the actual day by planting trees and announcing the Tree Steward recipient for 2015.
  - Bench Donation  
The new bench for Stop and Shop and the replacement bench at the adopt-a-spot across the street from the Stop and Shop Center are still waiting to be installed by DPW.
  - Updating tree inventory with numbers and tree tags  
Committee will chose a tree on the Town Green as the first tree to be tagged and proceed from there.
  - Bricks for planted trees  
The committee will proceed to the Center after the meeting to install the remaining Bricks.
5. Tree Legislation and Laws  
No new legislation pending.

6. Communications and Publicity

- PURA decision on Tree Trimming will be discussed at the next meeting
- Future News Article  
Junius suggested a Press Release entitled Trees 101 to promote public awareness regarding how a tree grows, the care and maintenance of trees and identifying stressed trees.

7. New Business

Inspection and maintenance of Wilton Center trees and markers

Members volunteered to adjourn to Wilton Center to inspect the trees and markers there. Suggestion was made to identify the town-owned ash trees that we want to preserve and introduce existing organic treatments to contain the Emerald Ash Borer.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday September 9, 2014 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

9/8/14 Barbara Quincy