

Wilton Tree Committee  
**Corrected Minutes**  
June 11, 2014

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

**Present:** Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Susan Diloreto; Nick Lee; Bill Meehan; Barbara Quincy; Paul Young, Tree Warden

1. Call to order  
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Tree Warden Report  
Paul submitted brief Tree Warden's report.
4. Ongoing Business
  - Center Tree Plan Status  
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 not yet installed by DPW. No new trees have been donated since the last meeting. All the trees that have been recently donated will be planted by this Saturday. Mike Conklin will be updating the Center Tree Plan.
  - The Connecticut Tree Festival May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Plans for next year's Festival include better liaison with the Garden Club and more participation by the Tree Committee. Barbara will attend a "lessons learned" meeting with the other participants of the Festival on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tree Removal at 1 Tito Lane  
Five dogwoods have been planted on the Tito Lane site. The Tree committee will check to see the trees make it through the establishment time period or if there are other follow-up concerns. Dogwoods were planted in the ROW to replace trees previous removed without a permit
5. Tree Legislation and Laws
  - Tracking Legislature Bill #5220  
Governor Malloy vetoed the proposed state statute regarding the landowner's responsibility for fallen trees when they fall on adjacent property.
6. Communications and Publicity
  - It is the intent of the Committee to publish articles regarding our activities at least twice a year. This spring the Wilton Bulletin printed the story of Alice Levin receiving the Tree

Stewardship Award. A possible fall article is the tree tagging project.

7. New Business

- Arbor Day Recognition Ideas  
The Tree City recognition and the Tree Steward award might be combined with a tree planting in the Center, keeping the whole event Town Centered. There will be no Wilton-Go-Green next year. In 2015 Arbor Day will be April 24<sup>th</sup>. It is always the last Friday in April.
- Kate suggested a different format for the Center Tree Map, abandoning the aerial view, as it is difficult to identify tree locations using that format. Kate will need to follow up with Mike Conklin for this.
- The logistics for watering newly planted trees is still unresolved, due to equipment availability for Mike Conklin. Susan will contact Parks and Recreation regarding this issue to see how this can be resolved. Susan and Kate will count the number of bags currently being used.
- Susan raised the issues of nursery in town whom continue to sell plants on the Connecticut Invasive Plant List published by CNL (Connecticut Nursery and Landscaping Association), suggesting collaborating with the Conservation Commission. It was concluded that instead of a town body push the issue that the Garden Club might be a good venue to help publicize this list and bring it to local nurseries attention.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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

7/7/14 Barbara Quincy