

Wilton Tree Committee

**Minutes**

May 14 2014

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

**Present:** Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Susan Diloreto; Nick Lee; Barbara Quincy

1. Call to order  
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Tree Warden Report  
Nick Lee submitted the Tree Warden's report.
4. Ongoing Business
  - Center Tree Plan Status  
The new benches for Stop and Shop and the replacement bench at the adopt-a-spot across the street from the Stop and Shop Center is expected to be installed within a month by the DPW.  
The 4 of the 5 donated trees have been planted and the remaining tree will be planted soon. Lars has been asked to propose an order and schedule for implementing the installation of the tree tags that were previously purchased. The tree inventory is expected to be expanded to include older trees that were previously not included.  
  
There was discussion regarding the watering of the new trees, and removing the watering bags on trees installed over 2-years ago. The town water truck is broken and the issue of how the new trees will be watered is unresolved.
  - The Connecticut Tree Festival May 17<sup>th</sup>  
The Tree Committee booth was staffed by Alice Levin and members of the Conservation Commission. Kate presided over the children's activities. Attendance hit a new high of more than 2200 visitors, which was amazing as a severe storm the night before did considerable damage to the tents.
  - Wilton Go-Green Festival May 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Tree Steward Award was given to Alice Levin in the Library courtyard at 3 p.m. Additional publicity has been promised by the Wilton Bulletin on Alice as the recipient of this award. As the Go-Green Festival is held every other

year, the issue of an Arbor Day observance on the off years needs to be addressed by the Committee.

- Tree removal at 1 Tito Lane  
There is no new information on this item.

5. New Business

- The need for more publicity for the Tree Committee was discussed. A suggestion was made to secure a regular spot in the Conservation Newsletter. Another suggestion was to plan regular press releases and to rotate that responsibility among the members. Another idea was to post the meeting schedule on the town web site. This topic will be pursued at the June meeting.
- The Committee will follow the proposed state statute regarding the responsibility for fallen trees when they fall on adjacent property. There is also new legislation restricting planting invasive bamboo near property lines.

6. Adjourn

Chairman Throckmorton adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday June 11 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

5/25/14 Barbara Quincy