

Wilton Tree Committee  
September 10, 2014

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

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

1. Call to order  
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.
3. Tree Warden Report  
Paul reported that some requests for tree removal have been delayed for 2-3 years due to the heavy workload of DPW. He is hopeful that they will begin to catch up in November. He also reported that 5 trees were planted on the Tito Lane property and the town has dropped any other requests.
4. Ongoing Business
  - Center Tree Plan Status  
All donated trees have been planted.
  - Updated Wilton Center Tree Map  
Mike Conklin is waiting for new software to enable an update to the plan
  - Arbor Day  
The committee will encourage additional tree donations that can be planted on Arbor Day. This request will be included in our next newspaper article.
  - Bench Donation  
The Committee has been waiting since May for the bench installation at Stop and Shop and the LWV adopt-a-spot.
  - Updating tree inventory with numbers and tree tags  
Lars reported that all the holes are re-drilled in the tree tags and are ready to be installed. The Committee is considering a joint project which would also provide some publicity.
  - Bricks for planted trees  
All remaining bricks have been installed.
5. Tree Legislation and Laws  
No new legislation pending.
6. Communications and Publicity
  - PURA decision on Tree Trimming  
Kate will get the terms and email the rest of the Committee

These terms do not apply to State roads.

- Future News Article  
Susan agreed to write an article for the Wilton Bulletin. She will suggest gifts of shade trees rather than flowering trees. Kate will send her previous article.
- EAB press release  
Nick has seen evidence of the Emerald Ash Borer in Woodbridge. He reports that it only takes a year for an ash tree to die once infected. He predicts that it will be in Wilton next spring. No ash trees have been identified in Wilton Center. There are very few cost effective preventative measures available.
- Beetle Blitz talk in Norwalk  
The Norwalk Tree Alliance held an informational meeting which Kate attended. They were able to get some grants which enabled funding of some treatment of the ash trees.

#### 7. New Business

- Inspection and maintenance of Wilton Center trees and markers  
Committee members will come next month with trowels and gloves and will inspect the condition of the bricks. In the future, the Committee will take individual responsibility for maintaining certain areas where bricks have been placed. It is projected that they will need maintenance twice a year.
- Brick markers for Brown's Donations  
In response to the letter from the Browns, in the future the Committee will offer two formats for brick inscriptions, one for those wishing to be anonymous and one with full names of those being honored. Another letter needs to be sent to the Browns informing them of our decision.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday October 8, 2014 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

10/6/14 Barbara Quincy