

Wilton Tree Committee  
**Minutes**  
January 14, 2015  
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

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

1. Call to order  
Kate called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Approval of Meeting Schedule for 2015  
The Meeting schedule was approved.
4. Election of Officers  
The following officers were elected for 2015: Chairman: Kate Throckmorton; Vice Chairman: Bill Meehan; Secretary: Barbara Quincy
5. Tree Warden Report  
Paul submitted his report for both November and December. He remarked that due to the lack of severe snow storms the State has been making good progress reducing the backlog of requested tree removals, and that this was a good time to be pro-active.
6. Ongoing Business
  - Center Tree Plan Status
  - Updated Wilton Center Tree Map  
The GIS (Geographic Information Systems) data has been completed but Mike Conklin has not received authorization to revise the map. Lars suggested investigating the USDA Forest Service software "iTree" and will send a link to the site.
  - Arbor Day  
Date is April 24, 2015 and is on the calendar for the Board of Selectmen. Tree placement will need to be finalized in February and a press release publicizing the event is scheduled for March.
  - Bench Installations  
New benches will be installed in the spring. Date TBD.
  - Updating Tree Inventory with Numbers and Tree Tags  
It was decided not to use the aluminum nails for the tree tags, but to replace them with stainless steel screws with a spring device to allow adjusting them in the future.

- The Van Alstyne tree will be replaced in the Spring of 2015. Brick will be installed at that time.
- New Tree Donations  
One new shade tree has been donated. Kate will work with the donor regarding placement and type of tree. A total of 3 trees will be planted in time for Arbor Day. Bricks will be ordered and installed as well.
- Tree Steward 2015  
MCL Ventures was suggested as a possible recipient of this award. No decisions were made.
- Tree City Application for 2015  
The application has been completed. The committee will endeavor to locate and have the Tree City sign installed by the DPW this year.

#### 7. Tree Legislation and Laws

No new legislation pending.

#### 8. Communications and Publicity

- News Article for Spring 2015 on the Significant Tree List  
Each Committee member was challenged to bring in a recommendation for the Significant Tree List. Sue will call Carol Russell regarding the Garden Club list and will get a copy. Kate distributed Ridgefield's criteria for qualifying trees.
- Developing a Tree Education Course  
Junius will send an email with his outline of a survey. It was noted that the Conservation Commission has a link on FaceBook that might be useful in distributing the survey

#### 9. New Business

- Inspection and maintenance of Wilton Center trees and markers  
When it is finally available, each Committee member will receive a copy of the updated Center Tree Plan and the designated area that is their long term responsibility.
- Tree Festival – 2015  
The Community Tree Festival will be held at Cranbury Park in Norwalk on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Barbara has volunteered to attend the planning meetings.

10.Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday February 11, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

1/17/15 Barbara Quincy