

Wilton Tree Committee  
**Minutes**  
June 10 2015  
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

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

I. Call to order

Kate called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

III. Tree Warden Report

Paul did not have a formal report. He noted that now that the trees are completely leafed out it is easy to identify dead and dying trees. He also identified 2 dead elm trees on Route 7 and will forward this information to the State. Kate stated that a person she knows in Easton reported to her that the town is proactively taking ash trees along the roads and encouraging its reuse as firewood, as was done on this person's property. Kate speculated that it was done to reduce the town's liability for the trees dying off in the Rights of Way in the near future ..

IV. Ongoing Business

a. Center Tree Plan Status

- i. Wilton Center Tree Map – remains on the back burner due to reduced staffing of Conservation Department.
- ii. Bench Installations – still pending
- iii. Two recently donated trees have been purchased but not planted. (Van Alstyne and Begor) Bill noted that there are several types of benches in the Center and that the Commission needs a policy for replacing and repairing aging benches.
- iv. Tree watering - . Commission members will be asked to volunteer to water the six trees that have water bags. Kate will send out a signup sheet for this purpose. Effort is needed to due staff shortages at Conservation.

b. Updating Tree Inventory with Numbers and Tree Tags – site walk planned after meeting adjournment

- c. Significant Tree List There are two trees on the “official” significant tree list –the White Oak on the Zions Hill Church Property and another Oak on State land across from Orem’s Diner. Kate suggested making a book with photos and dimensions. Bill suggested the tree at the old Duke Property at the intersection of Old Ridgefield Road and Route 33.

V. Tree Legislation and Laws – no new action

VI. Communications & Publicity – Kate is soliciting new ideas for fall articles.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. and the Committee went out to the Center to view the condition of recently installed trees and benches.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

7/29/15 Barbara Quincy