

Wilton Tree Committee
Corrected Minutes
October 14 2015
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

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

I. Call to order

Kate called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Tree Warden Report

Paul did not have an "official" report. He noted that the foliage had been exquisite this fall, and that the drought had not affected the colors. Their brilliance was due to bright sunny summer days.

IV. Ongoing Business

a. Center Tree Plan Status

- i. Kate met with Liz Larkin and Mike Conklin to discuss reorganizing and updating the list. Some properties do not have addresses, which complicates the issue. The map is on hold, due to short staffing.
- ii. Nick Lee was not in attendance, so there was no report on the Nyssa replacement status.
- iii. The CVS bench was installed. All donated benches have now been installed.
- iv. David Panico and Robinson & Cole have made donation of \$2500 for a new bench. This is more than enough for a new bench. Suggestion was made that the excess might be put toward a tree, or another bench.

b. There was no new update on the tree inventory.

c. Significant Tree List – the Tomasetti birch tree (10 Bhasking Ridge Road) will be measured by the Committee after adjournment today.

V. Tree Legislation and Laws – none pending

VI. Communications & Publicity – there was discussion regarding the educational article proposed for the Wilton Bulletin by Junius. He distributed suggestions for the article and was asked to email everyone for their specific questions. There is a need for an additional article about the Emerald Ash Borer.

This should address the idea of tagging ash trees that are in decline and include photographs of damaged bark. Although there is not any reasonable way to stop it there is a need to be pro-active in this regard. In Easton, homeowners are encouraged to cut down ash trees before they decline. It takes 1-2 years for the EAB to kill a tree. Once you see the exit holes in the bark, the damage has been done. Barbara volunteered to do some research for this article. It was suggested that the Wilton Bulletin and The Villager interview Nick and / or Lars for an article. One third of the trees in Wilton are ash trees.

VII. There was no new business

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to go to 10 Bhasking Ridge Road to measure the significant birch tree.

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 11 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

11/9/15 Barbara Quincy