

Wilton Tree Committee
Minutes
April 13 2016
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

Present: Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Jackie Algon; Susan DiLoreto; Bill Meehan; Barbara Quincy; Paul Young Tree Warden

- I. Call to order
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm and welcomed our new member Jackie Algon.
- II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the March 2016 meeting were approved as amended.
- III. Tree Warden Report
Paul submitted his list of trees that need removal but also reported that the tree budget for the DPW has been exhausted. There will be no more funding for tree removal until July 2016.
Discussion followed on the decline and eventual removal of ash trees due to the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer. Ash trees should be tagged when starting to decline (7 on the current list of dead and dying trees). Mulch can be used from the diseased trees, as the larvae feed only on live wood.
- IV. Ongoing Business
 - a. Center Tree Plan Status
 - i. No updates on the Wilton Center Tree map.
 - ii. No updates on the Tree List.
 - b. Updating the Tree Inventory – The Library will be the next phase of this project.
 - c. Significant Tree List – new potential candidates are a Sycamore at 114 Ruscoe Road and a Red Oak at 55 Deer Run Road.
 - d. Maintenance: Bricks will be checked and reset on Saturday, April 23 so they will all be in place for the Arbor Day Ceremony. Committee members were asked to come at 10 a.m. to the Piersall building and to bring trowels and gloves. Rain or Shine!

- e. Arbor Day Ceremony – April 29, 2016. Time set for 5 p.m. First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice will read the proclamation. Carol Russell has been selected as the Tree Steward for 2016. A red oak will be planted beside the Veterans Memorial. All committee members are encouraged to attend.
 - f. The Tree Festival is scheduled for May 21 at Cranbury Park. Jackie Algon has been attending the planning meetings.
 - g. Developing a tree education course is currently on hold.
- V. Tree Legislation and Laws – no new items to review but Committee members were advised to keep current with the website www.ctpa.org.
- VI. Communications & Publicity
- a. Kate suggested that we publish a refresher article in the fall cautioning the public not to move firewood from Ash trees to un-infected areas and including more information on the Emerald Ash Borer.
- VII. New Business
- a. Wilton Go-Green Festival is scheduled for May 21 and the Committee was asked to sign up for shifts at our table between 11 and 4 pm. Liz has the material for the table.
 - b. Tree watering for Wilton Center this summer might be accomplished by the DPW as only two trees should need attention – the Nyssa replacement and the new Red Oak.
 - c. It was noted that Lars' spreadsheet on the Wilton Center Trees needs updating.
 - d. Jackie mentioned that the Garden Club is planning to plant an American Beech in honor of Kristin Begor in May. Allen's Meadows was suggested as a new area for the Committee to monitor. Nick said he knew of a good spot. They are also planning to plant a white oak in memory of Alice Levin.
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 11, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

5/4/16 Barbara Quincy