

Wilton Tree Committee  
**Draft Minutes**  
January 13, 2016  
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

**Present:** Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Susan DiLoreto; Bill Meehan;  
Barbara Quincy

I. Call to order

Kate called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the minutes of the November 2015 meeting was postponed until the next meeting

III. Tree Warden Report

There was no report, as Paul Young was unable to attend the meeting.

IV. Ongoing Business

a. Center Tree Plan Status

- i. No updates on the Wilton Center Tree map.
- ii. No updates on the Tree List.
- iii. The Nyssa tree replacement was planted. Brick to be installed in warmer weather.
- iv. There are no new donated trees or benches.

b. Updating the Tree Inventory - There was no new update on the tree inventory. The tree tags need to be attached and the method will be changed to wire them onto branches, as the nail method was unsuccessful. A Saturday schedule was suggested, and the committee will be divided into teams with 10 tags per team to be installed. So far, only the Town Green has been completed. Nick will be asked to remove the remaining water bags.

c. Significant Tree List - No updates

d. Maintenance: Bricks - Kate will resend a list designating the responsibility of each Tree Committee member to check on the condition of trees and their bricks in their section of Wilton Center. The Committee will focus on brick maintenance after the April meeting.

V. Tree Legislation and Laws - none pending

VI. Communications & Publicity

- a. A spring article asking for tree donations was proposed. A fall article documenting the evidence of the Emerald Ash Borer in Wilton based on consultation with the Tree Wardens was also proposed. The article would describe the characteristics of the ash and note significant ash trees in Wilton.
- b. The tree education course was put on hold pending Junius' return.
- c. There has been no response to the letters sent to P&Z regarding tree protection, Paragon Management on tree pruning, and the Garden Club regarding the oak tree at Comstock Community Center.

VII. New Business

- a. Connecticut Tree Festival organizers have not yet contacted us regarding the 2016 event.
- b. Bill questioned the necessity of swearing in at the Town Clerks office each year for members of the committee. He will follow up on this.
- c. Arbor Day – A tree donation is needed for the planting ceremony, and the committee needs to elect a Tree Steward. Kate will re-send the qualifications for nomination. Pat Sesto and Kristin Begore were mentioned as possible candidates.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday February 10 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

1/29/16 Barbara Quincy