

Wilton Tree Committee  
March 9, 2016  
Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

**Present:** Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Nick Lee; Bill Meehan; Barbara Quincy; Paul Young Tree Warden arrived at 4:30

I. Call to order

Kate called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January and February 2016 meeting were approved.

III. Tree Warden Report

Barbara submitted the report, as Paul was not present and Lars was not able to attend the meeting. Lars and Paul walked Old Highway and Olmstead Hill Road. They reported that ash trees would begin appearing on the next list of trees needing removal. The public should be made aware of the importance of not removing the wood from downed trees out of the area in order to slow the spread of the disease.

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 brick will be installed in April.
- iv. New tree needed for the Tree Steward Ceremony on Arbor Day. Hoping for a shade tree donation that might be planted behind the Veterans Memorial. This would replace a columnar oak that died. The original tree was planted on July 4, 1976 in honor of Alex Von Kleydorff's father. Kate will contact Alex regarding the death of his father's tree.

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 Kellogg and Ruscoe Road and a Red Oak at Deer Run Road

d. Maintenance: Bricks - the meeting will adjourn early in order to check the condition of some of the installed bricks. Bill reported that the bricks around the trees planted at the Piersall building were in good condition but that the bricks

behind CVS need attention. Nick will check the ones in front of the Village Market.

- e. Arbor Day Ceremony – April 29, 2016. Time is tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice will read the proclamation. Carol Russell has been selected as the Tree Steward for 2016.

V. Tree Legislation and Laws – The website for Connecticut Tree Protection Association ([www.ctpa.org](http://www.ctpa.org)) was recommended to members of the committee. Two bills were brought to the committee's attention: Bill #5150 regarding Tree Wardens posting, and Bill #5128 regarding property owners' responsibilities when a tree falls on another's property.

VI. Communications & Publicity

- a. Susan submitted a spring article asking for tree donations to the Wilton Bulletin. A fall article was discussed and another article on the Emerald Ash Borer was recommended.
- b. Kendra Baker article on the Oak Tree at Comstock Community Center was noted.
- c. The tree education course was put on hold until the fall.
- d. There has been no response to the letters sent to P&Z regarding tree protection and the letter to Paragon Management on tree pruning.

VII. New Business

- a. Connecticut Tree Festival will be held on Saturday May 21. Barbara volunteered to be the liaison and to help at the Festival. We hope to collaborate with other town organizations.
- b. Bill suggested that the terms of members should be staggered. They now all end in November 2017.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. Some Committee members went to Wilton Center for brick maintenance.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday April 12 at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.**

3/31/16 Barbara Quincy