

Wilton Tree Committee

Draft Minutes

May 8, 2013

Town Hall Annex, Meeting Room A

Present: Chairman Kate Throckmorton; Junius Brown; Susan Diloreto;
William Meehan; Lars Cherichetti; Paul Young, Tree Warden

Absent: Nick Lee, Barbara Quincy

1. Call to order
Kate called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. Kate motion to scramble the agenda to "The American-the-Beautiful Grant" museum in the street project and welcome Mike Klotz who has offered to provide some design input for our "Museum in the Street." Mike introduced himself and provided his graphic art back ground and his town roots. The slab cut on the Sackett Property was set aside and Susan offered to house it in her barn. Concept ideas for illustrations and the sign included some of the following:
 - a. Time line illustrated on bottom or in text.
 - b. Historic town photographs
 - c. Mapping key to reference time line on tree ring.
 - d. Mapping at a stacked list of events.
 - e. Include the location where the tree was growing.
 - f. Includes why it's here, why it was cut down (Storm Sandy)
 - g. Historic weather events that may be reflected in the growth rings such as blizzard 1883, flood-1953 , drought & storm Sandy, etc.
 - h. Provide a story line.
 - i. Should it include a roof for protection?

We will follow up with Mike on how to move forward.

3. Susan made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the April 2013 meeting were approved, seconded by Junius and unanimously approved.
4. Tree Warden's Report
Paul gave the Tree Warden's report for April and made note of two events that maybe of interest to the committee; 1) Meskwaka Tree Project at Connecticut College. 2) 2013 CT tree warden conference.
5. Ongoing Business
 - America-the-Beautiful Grant Implementation Activities

Kate reported confirmed maintenance projects done with grant monies have been completed.

- Center Tree Plan Status
One of the five trees to be planted this spring has been planted at the library. Flowering cherries along Old Ridgefield Road area expect to be planted within the next two weeks. Kate will follow up with thank you notes.
 - Arbor Day Planning 2013
Wilton Go-Green Festival on May 5 went off smoothly. Several inquiries for planting in the fall were discussed and brochures handed out. Bill Brennan presented the Tree Stewart award. Overall pedestrian traffic seemed light.
 - Norwalk-Wilton Tree Festival May 11, 2013
Junius and Bill confirmed there volunteers to help with set up and break down. Barbara and Susan will man the shared tent with Conservation Committee. Lars will be manning his own tent. Kate will be running one of the kid's activities tents.
6. Tree Signage for donated trees was discussed. There was a general consensus that more permanent in ground plaque should be a goal and to remove the existing galvanized signs. Future pricing will be obtained and a ways to pay for it though additional donations for existing trees and the cost for new plaques should be included in the initial donations.
7. Adjourn
Chairman Throckmorton adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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

5/28/13 -Kate Throckmorton