

Wilton Tree Committee  
Draft Minutes  
February 10, 2016

**Present:** Chairman Kate Throckmorton, Susan DiLoreto, Nicholas Lee, and Bill Meehan

I. Call to order

Kate called the meeting to order at 4:15

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 2015 meeting were approved. Approval of the minutes of the January 2016 meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

III. Tree Warden Report

Nick Lee reported for the Tree Warden. Many trees identified on Kent Road to be removed. Paul, Lars and Nick are being proactive on ash trees due to effects to be seen from Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Expect there will be many ash trees succumbing to EAB once it becomes established. Nick reported EAB has been found in Wilton. The Woodbridge Conservation Commission reported EAB in Woodbridge, CT.

IV. Ongoing Business

a. Center Tree Plan Status

1. No updates on the Wilton Center Tree map
2. No donated trees or benches
3. No updates of Tree List

b. Updating the Tree Inventory - Tree tags for trees around the Library will be done before Arbor Day, after the March meeting.

c. Significant trees – no updates, but possibilities listed -Sycamore on corner of Rusco Rd and Kellogg Rd and a Red Oak at 55 Deer Run.

d. Maintenance: Bricks –several bricks need to be reset as result of brick walkway additions and many need edges to be trimmed. After the March meeting and at an agreed upon Saturday members of Tree Committee will meet in teams to complete maintenance.

V. Tree Legislation and Laws- none pending or new

VI. Communications and Publicity

- a. Spring article encouraging tree donations to the Wilton Center Plan was completed by Susan and will be submitted within next two weeks to Wilton Bulletin and The Villager.
- b. Tree education put on hold pending Junius' return.
- c. This fall Tree Committee should prepare a news release on EAB.

VII. New Business

- a. On Arbor Day April 29, at 5:00pm Tree Steward for 2016 will be honored, a tree will be planted if we receive a donation. Kate will invite the First Selectman. Possible tree stewards discussed.
- b. Nick Lee officially congratulated Mike Conklin on his appointment as Director of Environmental Affairs.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 at 4pm in The Town Hall Annex. Committee will do brick maintenance in the Center after the meeting.