

Wethersfield Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For Monday March 9th, 2015 @7pm in the Employee Lounge, Lower Level, Town Hall

Attendance: Joe Hickey, Phil Cashman, Mark Alpert, Dan Montano, Donna Hemmann, and Barry Croke (of Eversource).

1- New Business-

Barry Croke of Eversource Energy (formerly CL&P) presented line clearance trimming plans for 2015.

-The committee entrusts the tree warden to work with Eversource Energy to strive for functionality, safety, and aesthetics. The tree warden will also strive to make planting decisions that limit the amount to necessary trimming in the future.

Request for removal of decayed red maple at corner of Dix & Folly Brook (along bike path).

-This tree was considered an imminent threat, and was removed before gaining approval from the commission. This tree had weak unions between the stems at the base, and significant basal decay.

Request for removal of declining oak at front of 229 Nott Street.

-The Commission approved the removal of this tree. Questions about preserving the tree with the use of pruning were proposed. The decision was made that the tree should be removed in 2015.

Request for approval of ash management info card draft.

-The draft was reviewed and approved.

95 Broad Street elm update.

-Town trees will not be removed due solely to root/sewer disturbances. Efforts will be made to avoid planting directly over utilities, but trees will remain in the vicinity. This issue requires more investigation.

2- Communications-

Arbor Day 2015 Plan – Blue spruce planting at front circle of Emerson Williams School

-Arbor Day is Friday April 24th, the ceremony will be on Saturday April 25th.

-Rob Garrey of the W.V.I.A. will plan the ceremony, and the W.V.I.A. provide funds for the purchase of the tree.

Plans to preserve 1 town ash tree are in place. The ash receiving treatment is located on River Rd green.

The tall spruce on the east side of the town hall (along the Silas Deane Hwy) will receive treatments to ensure tree health and longevity.

The tree warden met with David Noble of Eversource Energy to discuss the possibility of putting utility lines underground on the west side of Main Street between Church St. and Hartford Ave.

3- Public comment-

4- Adjournment-