

Wethersfield Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For Tuesday Oct 11, 2016 @7pm in the Employee Lounge, Lower Level, Town Hall

Commission Attendance: Joe Hickey, Alex Graver, Bruce Graver, Corey Christians, Donna Hemmann

General Attendance: Jim Hughes, Mike Millane

1- New Business-

Request to remove declining silver maple at/near 24 Center Street. (approved)

There was a lot of discussion regarding this agenda item. Jim Hughes supplied multiple supporting documents that demonstrated concerns for safety. This tree contains some risks to public safety including dead branches, over-extended branches, and possible risks associated with its proximity/contact with overhead utility lines. The safety and longevity of this tree could be improved through pruning. The Town of Wethersfield tree crew should not perform any work on this tree because of its proximity/contact with utility lines overhead.

The description of the motion voted upon by the Shade Tree Commission was as follows: The owner of 24 Center Street will be allowed to have the tree in question removed at the owner's expense only after the tree warden has ensured that the tree has been posted for removal for at least ten days.

Request to remove white pine with basal decay at Mill Woods Park access path (at left side to 122 Griswold Rd). (approved)

Request to remove heavily declining spruce at the Nature Center driveway entrance. (approved)

2- September Work Completed-

- removed dead/hazardous trees over bike path near Dix Road
- cleared brush encroaching on Folly Brook Blvd sidewalk near Rt 5/15 overpass
- pruned multiple trees on Broad Street Green to improve safety & aesthetics
- address sightline encroachment at Middletown & Maple
- removed large split willow limb and multiple dead elms along bike path behind DMV
- planted 3 trees at Mill Woods pool area
- planted 1 tree at 85 Broad Street, and 1 tree at 126 Broad Street
- planted 5 trees at 100 Marsh Street
- emergency call-in to address tree at 168 Broad Street
- pruned and installed 1 support cable in tree at 168 Broad Street
- provided clearance to basketball court at Mill Woods
- removed hazard tree near basketball court at Mill Woods
- removed 2 dead trees along Greenfield Street
- applied mulch to all trees at Hang Dog Lane islands
- pruned and mulched copper beech at Constitution Way & Broad Street
- removed fallen branches at Goff Rd across from Cider Brook drive

3- Public comment-

4- Adjournment-