

Person Preparing Minutes:

PHIL SMITHWICK

Name of Board, Commission or Committee:

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Location:

TOWN HALL

Meeting Date:

Dec. 13, 2010

Time Meeting Started:

7:00 PM

Members Present

1. JOE HICKEY

2. MARK ALPERT

3. JOE KONESKI

4. PHIL CASHMEN

Also Present:

PHIL SMITHWICK

Number Required for Quorum:

3

Quorum Present:

Yes

1<sup>st</sup> motion:

Remove tree at 175 Garden St.

Vote passed

2<sup>nd</sup> motion:

Remove maple tree at Little Red Schoolhouse

Vote passed

3<sup>rd</sup> motion:

Remove maple tree at Cove Park

4<sup>th</sup> motion:

Remove maple tree at 227 Nott St.

5<sup>th</sup> motion:

Approve plans for new parking lot at Millwood's Park

Vote passed

Time meeting adjourned:

7:50PM

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New Business:

Tree at 175 Garden St. was deemed unsafe and motion to remove was made by Mark Alpert and seconded by Phil Cashmen. Vote was unanimous to remove.

Maple tree at The Little Red Schoolhouse was discussed and determined it should be removed due to storm damage. Motion to remove Joe Koneski and seconded by Joe Hickey. Vote was unanimous to remove.

Maple tree at Cove Park has major decay and motion to remove was made by Joe Hickey and seconded by Joe Koneski. Vote was unanimous to remove.

Maple tree at 227 Nott St. was growing into sewer pipe and to remedy the situation, a new pipe would have to be installed and tree roots would be destroyed therefore killing tree. Motion was made to remove maple tree by Joe Koneski and seconded by Joe Hickey. Vote was unanimous to remove.

Millwood's Park plan was discussed and commissioners were concerned about the loss of trees, especially large oaks. Tree Warden stated that the loss of roots during construction would cause an unsafe condition. The commission voted to approve the plans, under the condition new trees would be planted as soon as possible, and the emphasis to replant the largest tree species acceptable for the location. The caliper will be no smaller than 2 ½ inches and bigger if possible. Motion was made Joe Koneski and seconded by Joe Hickey.  
Vote was unanimous to remove.

Public Comment:

Maria Stellabotte of 227 Nott St. spoke to the commission about her ongoing problem with tree roots from a town tree clogging her sewer pipe.

Adjournment – 7:50 PM