

MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Graver.

Present were: Phil Cashman, John Winiarski, Bruce Graver, Mark Alpert and John Lepper, Tree Warden. One Commission position remains vacant.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners voted to change the agenda to allow for public hearing to take place ahead of regular business.

Lisa Leonard, President, and Richard Prentice, member of the Wethersfield Village Improvement Association appeared to discuss plans for Arbor Day and seek approval for planting trees at the Nature Center. Leonard and Prentice also presented plans for tree planting on Church Street. The WVIA has appropriated \$2,000.00 for the planting of trees. The Commission approved the Arbor Day plans and tree planting along Church Street. Also discussed was planting of trees in front of the business block on Main Street owned by the Baskin Family. No conclusion was reached on this project since the Town will be under taking a comprehensive plan for Old Wethersfield and it would make more sense to see how that develops.

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Removals

Approximately 20 trees were removed during March. Six removed for dog park at Millwoods, (5) Ivy drainage project, and (9) miscellaneous reasons, wind-falls, lightning and man caused damage.

ITEM 3 - Minutes of March 1 meeting not available.

ITEM 4 - Communication

- A. Memo from Mike Turner, Public Works Director concerning new gas facilities - Olney Road.
- B. Letter from Richard Prentice requesting a public hearing before this Commission.
- C. Letter to Lawrence P. Carrozzella DBA L.C. Rental LLC concerning condition of trees at 155 Coleman Road.
- D. Copy of letter from Michael Turner, Director of Public Works/ Town Engineer to Ed Tevald, 894 Ridge Road relative to tree work on Ridge Road.

ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Accompanied sidewalk inspector on inspection visit on Lincoln Road.
- B. Scoped out dog park project with tree crew.
- C. Worked on vacation camp plans with Nature Center Director.
- D. Investigated tree complaints from Wethersfield Yacht Club.
- E. Responded to downed tree call at Highcrest School.
- F. Tour Highcrest School campus with Principal looking over her concerns.
- G. Guest speaker at Wethersfield Civitan meeting.
- H. Followed up Citizen call at 66 Peach Hill.
 - I. Investigated and photographed tree damage at Willard Pool area.
 - J. Monitored tree clearing for Ivy Lane drainage project.
 - K. Evaluated site for proposed patio at Mikey's Place.
 - L. Attended Tree Warden's Association annual meeting and conference.
 - M. On site review of Church Street planting plan.

- N. On site review of Nature Center planting plan.
- O. Ordered removal of illegally planted trees from snow shelf on Oxford Street.

ITEM 6 - Old Business - None

ITEM 7 - New Business - None

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

John C. Lepper, CTW
Tree Warden/ Secretary Pro-Term