

Minutes of Shade Tree Commission Meeting Wednesday, April 7, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Richard Prentice.

Present were: John Winiarski, Phil Cashman, Bruce Graver, Richard Prentice, Mark Alpert and John Lepper, Tree Warden.

ITEM 1 - PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Nathaniel Rocha, 335 Hartford Avenue, a member of Boy Scout Troop 50, introduced himself and stated he was attending the meeting to meet one of his merit badge requirements. The Commission welcomed his participation.

ITEM 2 - Removals

- a. 182 Broad Street - mountain ash - 4/1 to remove
- b. 15 Two Rod Highway - maple - 5/0 to remove
- c. 350 Main Street - horse chestnut - 5/0 to remove
- d. Village Tavern - mountain ash - 5 to remove, 1 abstention
- e. Center Island, Wolcott Hill Road, north of Jordan Lane - crabapple knocked over by motor vehicle had to be removed.

ITEM 3 - Minutes - [Minutes of March 3, 2004 meeting](#) were approved as presented.

ITEM 4 - Communications

- a. Gail Fabian, 304 Hartford Avenue, wrote to Town Manager expressing disapproval of tree removals at Stillman Building.
- b. Letter from Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut urging member clubs to get involved in tree planting programs.
- c. Commissioner Graver contacted by resident at 151 Wells Road concerning a tree that needs pruning. Request will be forward to ConnDot.

ITEM 5- Tree Warden's Report

- a. Attended March 28th Council meeting at which Council approved \$750 transfer of funds for hiring a consultant to investigate tree removals and damage assessment on Cedar Street and Westlook.
- b. Attended meeting with Town Manager, Director of Public Works, and Town Attorney to review several points of law.
- c. Worked with homeowners on Dix Road who is planning to build a garage close to Town owned trees. Gave permission to remove one tree in exchange for contribution to Town tree fund.
- d. Inspected a lot being cleared on Cumberland Avenue. Did not grant approval for removal of a Town owned tree.
- e. Attended annual Tree Warden's Association Annual Meeting.
- f. Along with Commissioner Graver and Public Works Director Mike Turner attended a Tree Risk Management Policy Workshop.
- g. Continued to work with landscape architect and project manager for Stillman Building.

ITEM 6- Old Business

- a. Spring Planting Plans - \$1,200 will be released from landscaping budget for tree purchases. This money combined with ATB Grant money and contributions from Wethersfield Village Improvement Association will pay for the trees ordered.
- b. Plans are in place for Arbor Day Celebration, April 24th at 9:30 a.m. at Standish Park

- c. Charles Wright School Arbor Day observance will be April 30th at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 7- New Business

- a. ATB Grant Application - Will try to submit request for landscaping of Police Headquarters. This year's grant requirements seem more restrictive and the time line for submission is much shorter.

Having no further business to conduct, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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