

Minutes of Shade Tree Commission Meeting Wednesday, June 2, 2004

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

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

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. 18 Bunce Road - Maple tree by driveway - 5/0 **not** to remove
- B. 481 Nott Street - 4/1 to remove
- C. Farms Village Playground - London Planetree - 5/0 to remove
- D. Farms Village Playground - Ash - 5/0 to remove
- E. Hanmer School Property - Linden tree on south side of parking lot - 3 to remove, 2 abstentions
- F. Highcrest School - Large Oak - just before driveway where buses enter - 5/0 to remove
- G. 181 Ridge Road - dogwood - 5/0 to remove
- H. 89 Garden Street at Old Smithy - Red maple - 5/0 to remove
 - I. In front of Motor Vehicle Department - dead crabapple - 5/0 to remove
 - J. 54 Bunce Road - dead Globe Maple - 5/0 to remove
- K. 750 Wolcott Hill - dead dogwood - 5/0 to remove
- L. 28 State Street - dead Maple -5/0 to remove
- M. Mill Woods Park - 2 Blackbirch trees - 5/0 to remove
- N. 91 Amato Circle - Tree Warden condemned dead tree in open space close to private residence.
- O. 22 Bunce Road - Tree Warden condemned failing maple in connection with sidewalk reconstruction project.

ITEM 3 - [Minutes of May 5, 2004 meeting](#) were approved as presented.

ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Letter to Mike Turner, Director of Public Works, from Michelle Bonfiglio requesting removal of a dead tree in Town Open Space at rear of her property at 46 Ivy Lane.
- B. Chairman Prentice received a letter from Glenn Decker, 64 Coppermill Road, requesting a hearing relative to tree removal at 745 Nott Street.
- C. Chairman Prentice wrote letters to Julio Cardosa, 681 Folly Brook Blvd.; Maurice McCarthy, Supervisor, Maintenance and Operations, Wethersfield Board of Education; and Luis Ocasio, 226 Broad Street, concerning actions taken by Commission on their various concerns..

ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Met with Glenn Decker, 745 Nott Street, relative to removal of trees at the site.
- B. Have not been able to get consultant for two projects on Nott Street. Will be trying another service.
- C. Several meetings with architects and construction manager for Webb Building, concerning landscape plans.
- D. Worked with Landscape Architect for Silas Deane Middle School on locating trees at that site.
- E. Follow up inspections on Bunce Road Sidewalk Project.
- F. Investigated citizen complaint of tree cutting near Farms Village Playground. Coordinated action with Director of Recreation and Parks.
- G. Followed up several citizen's calls (two) resulted in condemnation of dead trees. In other cases parties advised to contact private arborist.

ITEM 6 - Old Business

- A. Spring planting program has been delayed. Still waiting for rest of tree order to be delivered.

ITEM 7 - New Business

- A. Commissioner Graver made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Cashman, "In cases where the Commission denies a request for tree removal and the requesting party insists; the requesting party must pay the Town for the cost of removal and for replacement tree". After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The Tree Warden recommended that this action be reviewed with the Town Manager before implementing. The Commission agreed.
- B. The Commission discussed the request by Glenn Decker for a public hearing concerning trees removed at 745 Nott Street. It was agreed to schedule a time for a hearing at the July 7, 2004 meeting of this Commission.

Having no further business to conduct, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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