

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

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

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

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Public Hearing:

Because the meeting Agenda was not mailed out, the Town Clerk was not able to post a legal notice for the hearing. Therefore, Chairman Prentice had to call the applicants and cancel the hearing. A new hearing date will be set.

ITEM 3 - Removals

- A. Moeller Home Building - one (1) White Pine, one (1) Maple to facilitate building renovations. Remove 3, Abstain 1

ITEM 4 - [Minutes of June, 2004 meeting](#) were not mailed to Commissioners, therefore no action could be taken.

ITEM 5 - Communications

- A. Chairman Prentice notified by letter Steven Barone, 18 Bunce Road, that the Commission had denied his request for tree removal.
- B. Letter to Glenn Decker, 64 Coppermill Road, acknowledging request for a public hearing concerning his property at 745 Nott Street.
- C. Fax received through Brian O'Connor, Chief Building Inspector, from Bob Osgood, 39 Foot Path Lane, raising concerns about tree protection of construction site, 226 Broad St.
- D. Several complaints were filed with the Tree Warden concerning construction at 226 Broad Street.
- E. ConnDot filed notice with Tree Warden of intent to perform sight line improvements on Route 3 near Lasher Court.

ITEM 6 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Met with Silas Deane Highway Improvement Committee.
- B. Followed up complaints about construction at 226 Broad Street.
- C. Meetings and phone conversations with architects and project manager for Silas Deane Middle School, Webb Building and Stillman Building.
- D. Site visit with Recreation and Parks' Director to go over renovation plans for Moeller Building.
- E. Presented to the Town Manager the Commission's proposal to charge-back to property owners for certain tree removals. She will put it on the Council Agenda for action.
- F. Investigated citizen complaints about insect damage to hemlocks at Standish Park and Lindens on Broad Street Green.
- G. Investigated citizen's concerns about a failing tree on easement on Somerset Street. Found no evidence of easement existing on Somerset Street.
- H. Met with James R. White, consulting arborist to assess tree and site damage to Town property, corner of Nott Street and Westlook.

ITEM 7 - Old Business

- A. Luis Ocasio made his \$600 payment to the Tree Fund.
- B. In response to an initiative by the Federal Garden Clubs of Connecticut and a letter from Chairman Prentice,

\$225 has been contributed to the Tree Fund by garden clubs in Wethersfield.

ITEM 8 - New Business

- A. Commissioner Alpert reported that the Charles Wright School Beautification Committee might be interested in moving a fir tree located near front entrance of building. Commissioner Alpert will follow up on cost estimates for moving the tree.
- B. Bruce Graver announced that he has moved to 55 Round Hill Road.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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