

## **Minutes of Shade Tree Commission Meeting Wednesday, September 1, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Acting Chairman Mark Alpert. Start of meeting was delayed while trying to gain entrance to Town Hall. Present were Phil Cashman, Mark Alpert, John Winiarski and John Lepper, Tree Warden. Not present were Richard Prentice and Bruce Graver.

### **ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None**

### **ITEM 2 - None**

**ITEM 3** - Minutes of [June 2, 2004](#) and [August 4, 2004](#) meetings were approved as presented.

### **ITEM 4 - Communications**

- A. Letter from Chairman Prentice to Town Manager requesting legal opinion on removal of Town trees without permission.
- B. Letter from Chairman Prentice to Mr. Glenn Decker notifying him his case is still under review.
- C. Tree Warden received various calls from residents concerning neighbors' trees or looking for tree work to be done or advice with trees.
- D. Asplundh Tree Service, as agent for CL&P, requested permission to do line clearing on Nott Street, Hartford Avenue and Silas Deane Highway. Second request was made for tree removal on Nott Street and Town Line Road

### **ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report**

- A. Follow up on Asplundh request and inspected trees they request to remove. One tree at Charles Wright School and three (3) trees on Town Line Road were approved and noticed. Approval granted for line clearing.
- B. Met with owner of business block on Main Street concerning tree condemned by Tree Commission and future outlook for remaining trees in front of her building.
- C. At request of Town Manager and Director of Public Works specked out a proposed planting plan for Cottone Field.
- D. Met with Silas Deane Highway Planning Committee.
- E. Made tree/sidewalk conflict inspections with Sidewalk Inspector on Lincoln Road and Highview Avenue.
- F. Approved emergency take-down of Maple tree at Mill Woods Basketball Court. Tree was at about a 60 degree lean over court and roots were coming out of ground.
- G. Inspected Fir tree, Sycamore and Sweetgum at entrance of Charles Wright School. Recommended to Public Works' Director that concrete slabs around the trees be removed.
- H. Prepared 2003-2004 Annual Report for Tree Commission.

### **ITEM 6 - Old Business**

- A. Commissioner Alpert took another look at Fir tree at Charles Wright School. Since moving the tree will be costly and difficult, he recommended that shrubs and weeds around the tree be removed, ground cover planted and the crown of the tree be raised. This should improve the view of entrance to the school building, which is the main objective.

Commissioners in attendance agreed with Alpert's recommendation. Tree Warden will discuss plan with Town Arborist and Park Superintendent.

- B. Council has reappointed John Winiarski to this Commission for a term ending 30 June, 2007.

### **ITEM 7 - New Business**

A. Commissioner Alpert reported that in his visit to Charles Wright School he discovered several large Viburnums were missing and wondered if the disappearance was connected to work on the building. Tree Warden will check it out. B. Applying for Connecticut Releaf designation was discussed. The Town falls short in meeting some of the criteria. However, Commissioners felt we should at least obtain an application and take a look at it.

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