

## **Minutes of Shade Tree Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 6, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Richard Prentice.

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

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

### **ITEM 2 - Removals**

- A. 23 Two Rod Highway - Cedar tree - 5/0 to remove
- B. 387 Middletown Avenue - Maple tree on corner (was hit by lightning) - 5/0 to remove
- C. 180 Beverly Road - Maple tree - half dead - 5/0 to remove
- D. 143 Stillwold - one Maple tree and one Linden tree - on west side - 5/0 to remove
- E. 590 Wolcott Hill - Sugar Maple in decline - on Stillwold west side - 5/0 to remove
- F. Silas Deane Middle School - large Oak tree in rear of school between soccer nets in field - split at base - 5/0 to remove
- G. 60 Blueberry - dead Elm tree - to left of property - 5/0 to remove
- H.
  - a. Tree Warden reported a wind fall tree had to be removed from Great Meadow Road
  - b. Dead tree on Town property had to be removed for sewer line installation at 226 Broad Street.

### **ITEM 3 - [Minutes](#) - Approved as presented**

### **ITEM 4 - Communications**

- A. Memo from Town Manager to all concerning private use of Town property.
- B. Notice from Health Department concerning flue shot clinics.
- C. Copy of letter to Mayor Morin from Glenn Decker concerning completion of landscaping his property at 724 Nott Street.
- D. Letter to Michael Turner from Fuss & O'Neill Consulting Engineers, relative to brush and tree removal along dike on Wethersfield/Hartford line.
- E. Call from Alexandra Zalemonis, 114 Watersview Dr. requesting a tree removal and donation of Blue Spruce for Christmas tree.

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

- A. Met with Mrs. Zalemonis. Tree she wants removed is not a Town tree. Blue Spruce does not present well as Christmas tree.
- B. Met with Mrs. Bonfiglio, 46 Ivy Lane, to discuss her concerns about pine trees over Town sewer right of way on her property and removal of dead tree from open space rear of her property.
- C. Final tree inspection at Silas Deane Middle School with Building Committee Chairman and landscaping contractor.
- D. Met with Marguerite Alpert at Charles Wright School to go over their thoughts and plans for additional tree work and landscaping.
- E. Investigated several tree limb accident cases and fallen tree vs. car claim for CIRMA.
- F. Researched Silas Deane Highway Streetscape plans at ConnDot archives.
- G. Met with Silas Deane Highway Improvement Committee.
- H. Updated Town Strategic Plan.
- I. Attended Connecticut Tree Warden's Association Workshop.
- J. Attended Wethersfield EDIC summit.
- K. Made several tree inspections and boundary verifications - private/Town.

- L. Assisted tree crew at several removal sites.

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

- A. Wethersfield vs. Decker Case - Commissioner Graver made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cashman, to direct Town Attorney to proceed with legal action to recover loss of trees on Town property at 224 Nott Street at \$350 (replacement cost) per tree. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Tree Warden outlined plans for Charles Wright School Landscaping and Tree Work Project would be used as a teaching vehicle and would involve transplanting tree seedlings on the school grounds. Second part of project involved tree work and pavement removal at front entrance to school building. A motion was made and seconded to permit moving of saplings to new locations on school grounds and to clean up planter containing spruce tree and to raise crown on tree to improve sight line. After discussion, the motions passed unanimously.
- C. Chairman Prentice reviewed application for Connecticut ReLeaf Designation with the Commission. It appears Wethersfield has some work to do to meet the criteria.

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

- A. Tree Warden read letter from Fuss & O'Neil, Inc. Consulting Engineers regarding clearing of trees and vegetation on the Hartford dikes. Since the Town does not own any of the land in question, no action is required by this Commission. This letter is informational only.

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-Tem