

## **Minutes of Shade Tree Commission Meeting Wednesday, November 3, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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. Wethersfield High School - Hemlocks between football field and baseball field - 5/0 to remove.
- B. 411 Hartford Avenue - 5/0 to remove Sugar Maples, prune Red Maples and Locust Tree.
- C. 180 Beverly Road - Maple tree - half dead - 5/0 to remove.

**ITEM 3 - Minutes - [Minutes of October, 2004 meeting](#)** were not mailed to Commissioners, therefore no action could be taken.

### **ITEM 4 - Communications**

- A. Copies of letters between Michael Turner, Public Works Director/Town Engineer and Paul Querfeld, PE Manager, System Engineering Connecticut Natural Gas relative to new gas facilities on Westway.
- B. Memo from Lonnie Davis, Engineering Department, concerning homeowner request for tree work at 118 State Street.
- C. Contribution of \$20 to the Town Tree Fund was received from Home Garden Club.
- D. Tree Warden received phone call from Richard Johnston inquiring about pruning trees in front of Masonic Building on Main Street. He is considering the purchase of the building.
- E. Tree Warden was contacted by Mike Peacock from Winsted seeking guidance for establishing a tree commission and drafting ordinance.

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

- A. Attended Invasive Plant symposium at UConn.
- B. Met with Lt. Tom Dillon, Wethersfield Police Department to mark locations for Tree City USA signs purchased by WVIA.
- C. Arbitrated misunderstanding between neighbors and a contractor removing trees at 1860 Reservoir.
- D. Met with Silas Deane Highway Improvement Committee.
- E. Met with Chairman and staff liaison, Historic District Commission, relative to removal of a Golden Hinoki Cypress tree at 32 Hartford Avenue. The tree was on the Connecticut Notable Tree List.
- F. Inspected trees on Goff road
- G. Inspected tree at 1198 State Street. No need to remove tree at this time. Ordered removal of limbs over house roof.
- H. Inspected row of trees at 411 Hartford Avenue.
- I. Attended Connecticut Urban Forest Council Annual Conference.

### **ITEM 6 - Old Business - None**

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

- A. Tree Warden reminded Commission it is time to start thinking about Spring 2005 planting. Council did not budget any money for tree planting so money will have to come out of Tree Fund. Wethersfield Village Improvement Association can be counted on for some support. The Beautification Trust also has some funds

available for planting project.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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