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## MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Graver.

Present were: Phil Cashman, John Winiarski, Bruce Graver, Mark Alpert, John Lepper, Tree Warden. One Commission position remains vacant.

### ITEM 1 - Public Comments

Richard Prentice, representing Wethersfield, Village Improvement Association, Inc, and Men's Garden Club of Wethersfield, spoke on behalf of planting trees in front of shops at 219-233 Main Street

### ITEM 2 - Removals

Since last September Tree Warden estimated 34 hazardous, damaged, or wind fall trees were removed. An additional 34 Hemlocks were removed from Cottone Field. Approximately 200 trees were removed for Ridge Road sewer project for a total of 268 removals.

ITEM 3 - [Minutes of the September 2005 meeting](#) were approved as presented.

### ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Letter from the Commodore, Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club requesting the Town look after two trees at Cove Park that have been dropping branches on Club House.
- B. Letter from Town Attorney to Town Manager concerning Ex Parte "private" communications among Commissioners and parties involved in matters before the various Boards and Commissions.
- C. Calls from Lewis Tree Service requesting permission to do line clearing for CL&P.
- D. Call from a citizen on Monticello Drive for resolution to boundary dispute.
- E. Call from Wells Farm Drive resident with dispute over neighbor's tree.
- F. Request from Darlene Oblak for a memorial tree at Farms Village Playground.

### ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Investigated wind throw complaint at Webb School.
- B. Responded to insurance claim of 340 Main Street. Condemned (2) Maples at site.
- C. Condemned construction damaged Maple at 492 Main Street.
- D. Prepared 2004-2005 Annual Report.
- E. Compiled list of memorial trees for 2004-2005.
- F. Advised Park & Recreation Director to investigate lightening protection for Solomen Wells House. Area prone to strikes.
- G. Referred several tree problems on Wells Road, Maple Street and Silas Deane to Connecticut DOT.
- H. Inspected landscaping with Town Planner at Wolcott Hill Road commercial building.
- I. Investigated wind throw complaints on Ox Yoke Drive and Meadowgate Road.
- J. Inspected trees on Broad Street Green after Cornfest.
- K. Met with Connecticut DOT to inspect property along Ezekiel Porter Road. Maintenance required by both parties.
- L. Investigated tree complaint on Wells Farm Drive. Advised complainant tree is jointly owned with neighbor.
- M. Attended Tree Warden's fall workshop.

- N. Investigated a wind throw tree from Millwoods onto private property on Maple Street.
- O. Attended Connecticut Tree Protective Association Annual Conference.
- P. Monitored Ridge Road sewer project.
- Q. Made several sidewalk/tree inspections with sidewalk inspector.
- R. Investigated complaint of trees leaning over power lines on Highland Street at 1860 Reservoir Condemned (2) trees.
- S. Condemned falling trees on Thornbush Road and a Maple on 75 Main Street.
- T. Sat on hiring board for Windsor Tree Warden.
- U. Met with Director of Parks & Recreation at Millwoods to review sites for dog park and bocce court.
- V. Reviewed possible landscaping changes in Emerson Williams School courtyard with school staff.

**ITEM 6 - Old Business: none.**

**ITEM 7 - New Business**

- A. Reviewed plan for dog park at Millwoods. No action taken as project is a done deal.
- B. Spring planting plan - Four replacement trees needed for Community Center/Willard Pool Complex; (1) Fort McNair Chestnut as a memorial tree at Farms Village Playground; two trees for Highcrest School; Ten trees for Church Street; one tree for island at Edgewood Circle. Five of the above trees to be paid for by the Town. Commissioner Winiarski will test soil at Edgewood Circle to determine the appropriate tree for site.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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