

## **MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

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

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

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

### **ITEM 2 - Removals - None**

**ITEM 3 - Minutes** - [Minutes of the January 5, 2005 meeting](#) were approved as presented.

### **ITEM 4 - Communications**

- A. Letter and report from James White, Consulting Arborist, relative to tree damage at construction staging area, corner of Nott St. and Westlook.
- B. Copy of letter from Mike Turner, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer to Lewis Cannon, District Engineer, ConnDot transmitting White report.
- C. Call from Steve Bradbury, Cranston Avenue, concerning damage to his car caused by neighbor's tree.

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

- A. Ordered trees from Hop River Nursery.
- B. Worked on Silas Deane Highway Project.
- C. Conversation with MDC Engineer relative to Ridge Road Sewer Project through Tanglewood Open Space. They are getting ready to do test borings.
- D. Talked to Marguerite Alpert about plans for Arbor Day Program at Charles Wright School. Put her in contact with Connecticut Forest and Park Association for further planning assistance.
- E. Attended Connecticut Tree Protective Association Annual Meeting and Conference.

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

- A. Tree Planting 2005 Update - Initial order for trees has been placed with Hop River Nursery. Details for planting Hartford Avenue and additional trees for Cumberland Avenue Green have not been completed. Also in planning stage is landscaping for center island on Silas Deane Highway north of Jordan Lane.

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

- A. Wethersfield Garden Club has made another contribution to the Town Tree Fund.
- B. Commissioner Alpert and the Tree Warden briefed the Commission on the Arbor Day plans for Charles Wright School. A nature trail to be known as "Rediscovering Wright's Way" will be main focus of project. April 29, 2005 is date for celebration.
- C. Tree Warden will be attending a planning session at Highcrest School for an outdoor living classroom in memory of a student at the school who had passed away.
- D. Tree Warden reported on changes Northeast Utilities has made in its Vegetation Management Division. Districts have been redrawn and Bob Allen replaces Ken Botsek as our District Manager. Asplundh is no longer NU's exclusive contractor. Davey Tree will have responsibility for our area.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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