

## MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2005

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

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

### ITEM 1 - Public Comments

- A. Luis Ocasio, 226 Broad Street, appeared before the Commission to request the return of \$600 he paid the Town to replace trees he had planned to remove. Since he did not remove the trees, he would like his money back.

### ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. 95 Griswold Road, Norway Maple, 5/0 to remove.
- B. 708 Folly Brook Blvd., Apple tree, 5/0 to remove; Red Maple, 3/2 not to remove.
- C. 11 Livingston Street, Maple, 5/0 to remove.
- D. Tree Warden reported a Crabapple in front of Motor Vehicle Department on State Street was storm damaged and dying, therefore, was removed.

ITEM 3 - Minutes - [Minutes](#) were approved as presented.

### ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Letter to Town Manager from Attorney Donald P. Cianci requesting payment of damage to his client's car caused by a tree falling on it at Pine Acres Swim Club last July. Michael Turner, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer responded to the letter stating that the Town Tree Warden and Town Survey staff investigated the incident and found the tree was not owned by the Town; therefore, the Town is not liable in this case.
- B. Lauren Pagani called, interested in purchasing a Memorial Tree.
- C. Margaret Connelly, 523 Wells Road, would like a tree planted in front of her house.
- D. Joyce Kanapicki, 212 Forest Drive, called to report tree in front of her house had been struck by a motor vehicle
- E. Tree Warden and other Town departments received calls pertaining to neighbor vs. neighbor disputes.
- F. C. E. Janeczek, 135 Robbins Drive, called Tree Warden to thank Tree crew for quick response and professional service after his call.

### ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Several meetings with Silas Deane Planning Committee. Project on hold pending hiring of a consultant.
- B. Worked with Marguerite Alpert and Town Survey crew on Charles Wright School Project.
- C. Attended pre-construction meeting for Church Street Project.
- D. Surveyed fallen tree damage rear of Hurlburt Dunham House property.
- E. Investigated tree damage at 212 Forest Drive. Need survey done to determine ownership.
- F. Met with Margaret Connelly, 523 Wells Road, to discuss tree planting. She is willing to purchase the tree for the Town. It will be planted at entrance to Wells Quarter Village.
- G. Investigated request for tree removal at 444 Nott St. Need survey to determine ownership.
- H. Provided consultation to Town of Winsted relative to establishing an Urban Forest Program.
- I. Attended Tree Warden's Association of Connecticut Annual meeting.

### ITEM 6 - Old Business

- A. Spring Planting Update - Checked with our broker to make sure our order is coming together. Wethersfield Village Improvement wants to purchase seven (7) Crabapples to fill in Cumberland Avenue Green.
- B. Arbor Day - Reviewed plans for the Day.
- C. Church Street Project to start April 11, 2005. Drainage to be done first, followed by repairing. Scope of project is Silas Deane to Main Street.
- D. Bruce Graver reported he had not yet made contact with John Moran to get a Resistograph Test for Oak tree at 411 Hartford Avenue.

**ITEM 7 - New Business**

- A. America the Beautiful Grant - Notification has been received. Since there are no project plans in place, the Commission decided to pass on submitting an application.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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