

## MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2005

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

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

### ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

### ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. 94 Merriman Road - Spruce Tree - 4/0 to remove. Also remove Hemlock
- B. 33 Hillsdale - Maple Tree - base decay - leaning - 4/0 to remove
- C. 444 Nott Street - dead Elm Tree - right side of house - 4/0 to remove

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

### ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Resident at 134 Church Street reported tree damaged by refuse truck.
- B. Resident at 112 Church Street called to inquire why tree in front of house was marked for removal.
- C. Michele Bonfiglio called concerning ruts left in her lawn after tree removal.
- D. Ray Pellerin, Newfield Construction, called to report damage to trees at Webb Building caused by construction equipment.
- E. Gerard Stuart, 59 Meadowgate, called to report several trees in Mill Woods leaning towards his property.
- F. David Peters, 117 State Street, requested permission to plant a tree on Right of Way in front of his house.
- G. Mrs. Bukowski, 252 Longvue Drive, contacted Town Manager concerning tree breaking up her driveway.
- H. Tom DiCioccio, 135 Charter Road, seeking permission to remove Town tree allegedly blocking his sewer.
- I. Letter from Chris Donnelly, Urban Forester, Division of Forest, notifying us that the Town had been re-certified Tree City USA and qualified for the Growth Award.
- J. Letter to Michael Turner from Dayton Schroeter, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations, indicating ConnDot will assist in pursuing action against contractor on Nott Street Project.
- K. Many calls received by Tree Warden and Engineering Department for neighbor disputes and ownership determinations.

### ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Meeting with Kathy Bagley, Director of Parks and Recreation; Michael Turner, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, relative to landscape plans at Mill Woods Skate Board Park.
- B. Investigated tree cutting on Russell Road. Found trees to be in ConnDot Right of Way. Reported incident to ConnDot.
- C. Marked out Cumberland Avenue Green for tree planting.
- D. Picked up trees at Millane's and assisted Tree Unit with planting.
- E. Did walk-through for Church Street Reconstruction with Town Engineer and contractor.
- F. Made follow up inspection on Church Street Project.
- G. Made arrangements with Arbor Care for Resistograph test on oak tree at Jordan Lane and Hartford Avenue.
- H. Met with Lauren Pagani on Broad Street Green to site location for tree she is sponsoring.
- I. Investigated fallen Town-owned tree in private yard on Ivy Lane.
- J. Accompanied Town Planner, Peter Gillespie, to meeting with manager of self-storage company on Silas Deane Highway to discuss landscaping issues.

- K. Reviewed tree damage at Webb Building with Ray Pellerin of Newfield Construction.
- L. Investigated tree complaint at 59 Meadowgate and scheduled for removal.
- M. Attended Tree Warden's workshop.
- N. Presented budget request to Town Council.
- O. Participated in Arbor Day celebration at Charles Wright School and Broad Street Green.
- P. Investigated tree cutting at 444 Nott Street.
- Q. Assisted Human Services with a client's tree concerns.
- R. Followed up on various citizen calls concerning trees.
- S. Condemned a tree at 6 Timber Trail leaning toward road.

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

- A. Crabapples have been planted on Cumberland Avenue Green and paid for by Wethersfield Village Improvement Association. The Arbor Day tree that had been ordered did not arrive so a substitution had to be made. Tree order from Hop River Nursery has not been delivered.
- B. No action taken on Luis Ocasio's request for return of funds. Awaiting opinion from Town Attorney as to how to proceed.
- C. Commissioner Cashman questioned why the shrubs and trees in snow shelf across from Fire Company #2 had not been removed. Tree Warden will look into it.

#### **ITEM 7 - New Business - None**

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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