

## MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 - None

### ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. 127 Garden Street - maple - 5/0 to remove
- B. 500 Nott Street - crabapple - 5/0 to remove
- C. 126 Beverly Road - maple - 5/0 to remove
- D. 44 Griswold Road - maple - 5/0 to remove
- E. 22 Lincoln Road - maple - 1 to remove, 4 to prune
- F. Tree Warden reported that a maple at Wethersfield High School and another tree at Keeney Cultural Center were felled by a storm.

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

### ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Tom DiCioccio called concerning tree/sewer problem. Tree Warden told him to submit a request for hearing to the Tree Commission Chairman.
- B. Gerard Stewart, 59 Meadowgate Road, called to thank Town for its quick response and thank tree crew for their professionalism in removal of trees threatening his property.
- C. Jean Blake of 69 Crest Street called requesting ownership determination of trees.
- D. Charlene Taylor of 46 Apple Hill requested pruning or removal of tree in Town Open Space.
- E. Jim Pawlak, 47 Church Street, requested trees to be planted on Church Street.
- F. Susan Hertel called concerning dispute with neighbor.
- G. Town Manager received request from resident at 18 Bunce Road to have tree removed.
- H. Resident at 257 Middletown Avenue requested to have tree removed.
- I. E-mail from John Setzko on behalf of his mother residing at 65 Merriman Road requesting tree removal.
- J. Tree Warden sent letter to Palmerino Zaino, 817 Maple Street, concerning "No Trespassing" sign posted on town tree at 785 Ridge Road.

### ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Accompanied Don Moisa, Engineering Department, on site visit to (new) Nature Center to scope out planned pathway.
- B. Assisted tree crew in picking up a Heritage River Birch at Millane Nursery and planting it on Broad Street Green. Tree was donated by Lauren Pagani.
- C. Attended several Silas Deane Highway Planning Committee meetings.
- D. Accompanied Charlie Vianni and Bob Bauer on site inspection at Silas Deane Middle School.
- E. Met with Dr. Judith A. Golden, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Stephen Dewey, Friar Associate at Webb Building to review landscape plans.
- F. Met with facilities manager for Department of Motor Vehicles to discuss landscaping at State Street facility.
- G. Along with Commissioner Winiarski made arrangements with Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Valley Laboratory for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid biological control project at Standish Park.
- H. Responded to several requests for tree ownership verification.
- I. Investigated citizen sewer/tree complaint at 440 Nott Street.

**ITEM 6 - Old Business**

- A. Request for removal to install sewer line at 135 Charter Road. Applicant failed to request a hearing and did not appear before the Commission.
- B. Luis Ocascio's request for return of funds has to go to Town Council.
- C. Tree order has still not been filled.

**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