

MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Acting Chairman Phil Cashman.

Present were, Phil Cashman, John Winiarski, Mark Alpert and John Lepper, Tree Warden. Absent was Bruce Graver. Richard Prentice's term has expired and vacancy has not been filled.

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. 56 Hartford Avenue - Norway Maple - Damaged in motor vehicle accident. 3/0 to remove if tree is appraised as total loss, otherwise repair damage.
- B. 757 Wolcott Hill Road - Two (2) Red maples - 3/0 to remove.

ITEM 3 - Minutes of June, 2005 meeting were not mailed to Commissioners, therefore no action could be taken.

ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Copy of letter from Town Manager to Brian Golembiewski, Bureau of Water Management, DEP, commenting on proposed work on dike around Brainard Field.
- B. Copy of fax to Town Manager from Joe Frutuoso, Church Street, concerning trees planted around Cottone Field.
- C. Letter from Elm Research Institute promoting Liberty Elm trees.
- D. Memo from Susan Gudaitis, 100 Cold Spring Road, Rocky Hill, pointing out several tree issues on Main Street.
- E. Letter from Tree Warden to Jonathan Chambers, 9 Griswold Road, ordering removal of trees planted in right of way.
- F. Call from John Maycock, 13 Meggat Park, requesting tree be planted in front of house.
- G. Call from Mrs. Poole, 61 Dudley, requesting ownership determination of trees.
- H. Call from Patty Wright, 180 Main Street, concerning tree ownership.
- I. Call from Facility Manager, Department of Motor Vehicles concerning landscaping at State Street facility.
- J. E-mail from resident at 65 Merriman Road requesting tree removal.
- K. Two calls from residents concerning condition of Sycamore tree on Prospect Street.

ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Three visits to Webb Building to inspect landscaping and plant material.
- B. Inspected Church Street Reconstruction Project.
- C. Two visits with Rae Ann Palmer to Kenneth Milano, 95 Woodside Drive, concerning his claim against Town for landscaping.
- D. Site visit with Town Manager, Bob Bauer and Charles Viani to Silas Deane Middle School for review of landscaping.
- E. Prepared background material for Town Manager to use at Tri-Town Managers' meeting.
- F. Attended CIRMA "Trees and Risk Management" workshop.
- G. Meeting with Town Manager, Jim McDonald and Phil Smithwick to discuss partnership agreement with Newington.
- H. Inspected and photographed tree struck by car on Hartford Avenue.
- I. Investigated wind-thrown tree at 17 Deerlegde Lane. Determined it was not Town tree.
- J. Meeting with Town Manager, Jim McDonald, Bob Bauer, State Senator John Fonfara and Sey and Carol Adil to discuss landscaping for bridge abutments on Wolcott Hill Road.
- K. Marked out tree planting locations on Church and Westway, purchased trees and helped tree crew plant trees.

- L. Planted a Memorial Tree on Standish Park and a mitigation tree at 712 Nott Street.

ITEM 6- Old Business

- A. Trees ordered from Hop River Nursery had not been delivered so 17 of the trees were canceled and repurchased from Millane Nursery. Hop River still has order for 6 Arborvitae for the cell tower at Firehouse #3 and for replacement of trees at Community Center/Willard Pool Complex.

ITEM 7 - New Business

- A. Town Manager is in process of finalizing a working agreement with Newington for cost sharing an additional member to tree crew and for Wethersfield to do tree work for Newington.
- B. An agreement between Wethersfield, Rocky Hill and Glastonbury is in the works to purchase a Resistograph decay detection device. Tree Wardens in all three towns have agreed on the need. Town Managers are now working out the agreement.

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