

MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Vice Chairman Bruce Graver.

Present were: Phil Cashman, John Winiarski, Bruce Graver and John Lepper, Tree Warden. Absent was Mark Alpert. One position remains vacant.

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. Cove Park - intersection of State Street and Hartford Avenue - Sugar Maple - 3/0 to remove.
- B. 464 Highland Street - Maple - 3/0 to remove.
- C. 65 Merriman Road - two (2) trees - condemned by Tree Warden and removed.

ITEM 3 - [Minutes of June, 2005 meeting](#) approved as presented. [July minutes](#) approved with one correction - change Grave to "Graver".

ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Mrs. Spratlin, 115 Broad Street, contacted Commissioner Graver. Town owned maple needs crown raising and limbs cleared from utility wires.
- B. Beverly Noren, 352 Middletown Avenue, requested determination of tree ownership.
- C. Don Edwards, 18 Elm Street, reported limbs removed from trees and left at side of road.
- D. Joanne McPhee, 174 Church Street, called. Tree roots clogging sewer line.
- E. Tina Kuroczka, 125 Ridge Road, talked to engineers about tree roots cracking driveway.
- F. Tom Kriticos, Pine Acres Swim Club, called concerning sight-line obstruction on Western Boulevard.
- G. Mrs. Moskites, 464 Highland Street, called to report failing maple.
- H. Raj Maharajh, 21-23 Jordan Lane, requested ownership determination.
- I. Mary Ann Drennen, 246 Garden Street called. Concerned about Town tree near her garage.

ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Inspected tree damage on Ridge Road done by contractors resurfacing the road.
- B. Inspected storm damage at Cove Park. Two Silver maples near Solomon Welles House struck by lightning.
- C. Investigated sight-line complaint at Pine Acres. Brush on Town land blocking view of driveway.
- D. Evaluated tree at 464 Highland Street. Tree showing signs of salt damage and general decline.
- E. Established ownership of tree at 21-23 Jordan Lane. Also advised owner of his responsibility to keep sidewalk clear.
- F. Established ownership of tree at 352 Middletown Avenue. Advised owner to hire an arborist.
- G. Checked out tree at 246 Garden Street. Verified ownership. Did not see any immediate problems.
- H. Investigated tree limbs and brush on Elm Street. Determined it was on private property.
- I. Met with homeowner at 174 Church Street concerning blocked sewer line.
- J. Looked at driveway complaint at 125 Ridge Road. Need to have Engineering determine tree ownership.
- K. Gave a talk on trees to Wethersfield Nature Center campers.
- L. Attended Connecticut Tree Protective Association summer conference.
- M. Attended Nursery and Landscape Research Lecture Tour, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Valley Laboratory.

ITEM 6- Old Business

- A. Commissioner Graver brought up purchase of Resistograph for further discussion. After reviewing the need for such a device, the discussion was ended.

ITEM 7 - New Business

- A. Elections were postponed until a full Commission is present.
- B. Changing the Commission schedule was discussed at length. Upon motion made by Cashman and seconded by Winiarski, it was voted to meet on an as needed basis rather than monthly. Any meetings that are called should be scheduled for first Wednesday of the month. September meeting is still scheduled.

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