

MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Mark Alpert and John Lepper, Tree Warden. One position remains vacant.

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Removals - None

ITEM 3 - [Minutes of the August meeting](#) approved as presented.

ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Letter from Paul and Krista Vermeal requesting hedge between their property and Charles Wright School.
- B. Letter to Town Manager from Marshall Tajarian, 99 Hartford Avenue, requesting tree pruning.
- C. Call from Elaine Cahill, 292 Hartford Avenue, concerning broken branch from neighbor's tree blocking her driveway.
- D. John Carbone, Southside Partners, called for advice on landscaping business property on Wolcott Hill Road.
- E. Grace Hayes, United Methodist Church, called concerning landscaping next to shared driveway with Mill Woods Park.
- F. Gloria Murzin, 169 Wolcott Hill Road, called concerning condition of trees in front of her house.
- G. Referral from Town Manager's office concerning neighbor's tree problem at 26 Oakdale Street.
- H. Frank Capalbo, 183 Nott Street, called concerning dead tree in neighbor's yard.
 - I. Sal Visconti, 279 Griswold Road, called concerning trees along side of his property on Highland Street.
 - J. Call from Jenny Miglus, 99 Wells Road, concerning condition of two trees in front of her property.
 - K. Call from Town Manager's office relaying call from citizen who thinks trees are dying at Cottone Field.
 - L. Ellen Foley, 64 Two Brook Road, called for ownership verification of tree in front of house.
- M. Lyle and Mary Fulton called concerning tree that fell on their property.
- N. Memo to Peter Gillespie, Town Planner, relative to landscaping of Southside Partners L.L.C.
- O. Call from Tony Martino concerning tree that fell into brook at Highland Street.

ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Met with Krista Vermeal. Suggested a fence on her property rather than hedge.
- B. Investigated pruning request at 99 Hartford Avenue and made out work order.
- C. Reviewed landscape plan at site of Southside Partners, Wolcott Hill Road, and made several suggestions.
- D. Investigated landscaping at entrance to Mill Woods Park. Condemned a tree and ordered another repaired.
- E. Investigated trees at 169 Wolcott Hill Road. Found they are Town's and need a little work.
- F. Talked with resident at 76 Oakdale. Suggested she contact her neighbor in writing about perceived tree danger.
- G. Talked with Frank Capalbo about his neighbor's dead tree. Informed him it was a civil matter.
- H. Investigated trees on Highland, part of 279 Griswold Road property. Condemned one tree and allowed the second to be removed contingent upon contribution to Town Tree Fund for a replacement tree.
 - I. Referred two trees at 99 Wells Road to ConnDot.
 - J. Investigated tree at 64 Two Brook Road and found it to be a privately owned tree.
 - K. Investigated fallen tree at 254 Highcrest. Tree fell from Pyquag Village Open space onto private property.
 - L. Investigated fallen tree in brook at Highland Street. Tree is privately owned.
- M. Examined tree feld by vandals at Standish Park. Provided Wethersfield Police Department with damage assessment.

- N. Attended Plant Science Day at Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Mt. Carmel.
- O. Gave a talk at Nature Center day camp.

ITEM 6- Old Business

- A. Elections - Upon motions duly made and seconded; and voted on by members present, Bruce Graver was elected Chairman and Phil Cashman Vice Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission.

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