

Minutes of Shade Tree Commission Meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2004

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

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

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. 135 Charter Road - Four out of five Commissioners examined the tree and found no reason to remove. Formal action tabled until the homeowner presents to this Commission detailed plans to substantiate his request for removal.
- B. Main Street at Beaver Brook - Tree Warden reported condemning four (4) trees on north side of road that were beginning to fall on sidewalk.
- C. Wethersfield High School - One (1) flowering fruit tree was broken off in wind storm and had to be removed.

ITEM 3 - Minutes - Minutes of the [October 6, 2004](#) and [November 3, 2004](#) meetings were approved as presented.

ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Ed Richardson, Connecticut Botanical Society, sent copy of his inspection report of a Nikko Fir at rear of Town Hall parking lot. As it stands now the tree is the 10th largest of its species in the State.
- B. Copies of letters between Michael Turner, Public Works Director/Town Engineer and Paul Querfeld, PE, Manager, System Engineering, Connecticut Natural Gas, relative to new gas line extensions on Forest Drive, Cornish Drive, Laconia Road and Goff Road.
- C. After action report from Tree Warden to Ray Pellerin, Project Superintendent, Newfield Construction relative to inspection of plantings at Stillman Building.
- D. Memo from Tree Warden to Michael J. Turner, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, relative to Charles Wright School parking lot reconstruction.
- E. Memo from Bonnie L. Therrien, Town Manager, to schedule a joint meeting of all land use Boards and Commissions.

ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Investigated several trees and wires concerns. One case trees are on private property and the other resulted in work order for pruning.
- B. Investigated request for tree removal. Trees were privately owned and of no concern to the Town.
- C. Attended Trees and the Law Workshop on legal issues relating to tree care.
- D. Made final inspection of plantings at Silas Deane Middle School.
- E. Researched some State statutes and legal opinions relative to trees.
- F. Worked on planting plan for Silas Deane Highway Improvement Committee.

ITEM 6 - Old Business

- A. Tree Planting Program 2005. Tree Warden reported that four (4) trees at Community Center/Willard Pool Complex have died and need to be replaced. Town is committed to replace a tree at 712 Nott Street as a mitigation. Wethersfield Village Improvement Association has committed to planting an Arbor Day Tree on Broad Street Green. Wethersfield Beautification Trust is willing to make funds available for tree planting. Some discussion took place on possible planting locations, but no decisions were made. Daniele Janowski has committed to planting a memorial tree for her grandmother in Standish Park.

ITEM 7 - New Business

- A. Chairman Prentice attended the joint meeting of land use Boards and Commissions and reported it was quite informative. They received an update on new zoning regulations and briefing on what other Boards and Commissions are doing. Lot of discussion on new site review Committee and appointments to the Committee.
- B. Vice Chairman Graver and Tree Warden Lepper reported on the trees and the law Workshop. Both found it extremely informative and agreed it was one of the best workshops they have attended.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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