

Person Preparing Minutes:

Corey Christians

Name of Board, Commission or Committee:

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Location:

Town Hall

November 10, 2014

Time Meeting Started:

7:00pm

Members Present:

1. Donna Hemmann

2. Joe Hickey

3. Mark Alpert

4. Dan Montano

Also Present:

Corey Christians

Number Required for Quorum:

3

Quorum Present:

Yes

Minutes for meeting November 10, 2014

1: Communications

- A. Stump grinding was performed by Phil Smithwick at 6 locations
 - Town Library
 - Middletown Ave & Maple St
 - 646 Highland
 - 53 Hillsdale Ave
 - Dale Rd (bike path)
 - Highcrest Rd (along sidewalk near Highcrest School)

- B. Rob Garrey of the Village Improvement Assoc. expressed interest in funding new trees at Trinity Church on Main Street and Wolcott Hill Rd (at center median near CT state offices)

- C. The homeowner of 95 Broad Street requested that the Elm Tree at the snow shelf near their driveway be removed. The reason for the request is due to the effect of

tree roots clogging their sewer pipe. The home stated that the sewer pipe has been clogged and sewage backed up into the house 3 times in the past 10 years. I asked her to send me documentation of the sewer service that has been performed because of this problem. Waiting for documentation and Engineering for pipe location.

-Wait to receive documentation from homeowner at 95 Broad Street regarding sewer interruption.

-Require all similar inquiries to provide documentation.

-Ask Engineering Department about sewer pipe location.

D. Bartlett Tree Experts (Gregg Corso) provided me with a quote for preservation treatments on the 5 ash trees chosen.

-Interest was expressed in reducing the number of Ash Trees for treatment due to costs.

2: New Business

A. Air Spade Treatments –taking pro-health measures for tree quality and longevity

-5 Young trees at/near Broad Street Green

-3 Red Buds at Charles Wright School

B. Ash Management-

-2 Ash were removed at/near 911 Ridge Rd

-Review and finalize ash management information letter

C. Removals-

-Elm at 95 Broad Street

-Oak at 229 Nott Street (Prune for safety, thinning)

-Reassess 95 Broad Street Elm Tree removal at next Shade Tree Commission meeting.

-Monitor the condition of Oak at 229 Nott Street

-Consider pruning or removal

D. Focus is being given to branch height over roadways and sidewalks, and clearance for signage and lights.

-Vote on Spruce Tree at Town Hall/Library

3: Public Comment

-The Spruce at the front of the Town Hall and Library is being voted on by the Shade Tree Commission to preserve or remove.

4: Adjournment