

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Committee
Minutes
March 19, 2008

Attendance: Nancy Guski, acting chairperson, Rosemarie Zengen and Linda Keeling

Absent: Trilby Seiverding, Karen Cadorette

Guests: Brenda Cagle, CAC chairperson, Paula Schoonmaker

Call to Order: Acting Chairperson Nancy Guski, acknowledging a quorum, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. This was the first meeting of the Tree Preservation Committee (TPC).

Purpose: The TPC and the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) chair met in joint session to identify and share the plans for the upcoming combination Earth Day and Arbor Day town wide celebrations for Saturday, April 26th, 10 am – 4 pm.

Nancy and Paula met last week to jointly discuss some of the potential activities that might take place for this joint event. The Friends of the Red Hook Library (F-RHPL) have committed \$450 to support activities within the Village for posters and a speaker honorarium of \$200 coming from that total.

The nursery schools have been alerted of the events. RHCSD Art teacher Maria Larsen will distribute 24 art pieces in businesses display windows. Elementary teacher Alicia O'Shea will also help out.

Linda reminded the group of the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for accessibility, parking and fulfilling requests for those needing special accommodations within a 10 day requesting period before the event at no cost to the individual

We discussed the need for special TPC stationery for corresponding with the public. Rosemarie offered to create several pieces that we can vote on for the next meeting. She has offered to decorate the inside of the Town Hall with flowers, go to businesses for donations and gather jars and create tickets for a silent drawing for donated items.

Jean Duntz will be contacted to orchestrate the noon luncheon. The luncheon is only for the regular tree planters like we have every year, not for those participating, nor for the public. The town hall has been reserved from 9-5.

Some activities are still pending. We are encouraging people to walk, use bicycles and cloth reusable bags. We decided not to use the services of www.1Bagatime.com as many people already have lots of cloth bags already.

Cont'd: March 19, 2008 Minutes
Tree Preservation Committee

Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy is looking into a bicycle rack for the town hall.

Paula and Brenda will talk with Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrandt and the Rhinebeck Savings Bank regarding parking for the day.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:00-10:00 Open and set-up Town Hall and Village Hall

9:00 Town Recreation Park: Tree Dedication and Tree Planting
Speakers: *Howie and Committee, Senator Saland and Supervisor Sue Crane*
Music by *Lisa Glickenhause and children's chorus*
Tree Planters meeting area

10:00-3:00 Red Hook Village Hall:

11:00 *Pat Courtney*: Energy Efficient Houses, NYSERDA (Laurie Husted, contact)

1:00 *Barbara Bash*, (Nancy Guski, contact) author, illustrator: reading / signing
4 books given away, Merritt Book Store: 20% off to F-RHPL

10:00-4:00 Red Hook Town Hall and Parking Lot

10:00 *Seedling give-away (200)*: Costumed Tree (Linda)

Alternative Fuel Exhibit: Veggie Van from Westchester Co.; Electric GEM car from Amenia Cars, Grease Truck by Mike Taylor and Biodiesel Exhibit by Les Cagle and friends

Parking Lot Vendors: Hudsonia, Awesome Farm (new farmer), Keep Farming (Maryanne Johnson), Wildlife Survey (Doug Traudt, Katie Stewart), Boy Scouts "No Trace Left Behind"

3:00 *Free Drawings*: bluebird boxes, DEC Arbor Day posters, Gigi and Agway gift certificates, Williams Express compact light bulbs, etc.

On-going:

Bard College Tour, Annandale

Energy Star House Tour: Steve Cornacchini: (NOT CONFIRMED), Dot Klein's house, Rokeby Rd., Barrytown

4:00-5:00 Clean up and lock town hall

Cont'd: March 19, 2008 Minutes
Tree Preservation Committee

The members were impressed with the amount of planning and contacts already in place for the event. All were very enthusiastic in anticipation of the day's activities and general educational opportunities for the public.

We would like committee volunteers to solicit donations of local cider and bake healthy finger food items, possibly fruits from trees (for example: apple / cherry muffins, etc.) for the public.

Nancy Guski will take care of getting the advance posters out. Paula will do the press release and the hand-outs given out on Earth Day.

Next Meeting: *Wed. March 26th, 2:00 pm, town hall.*

Concluded: The meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling
TPC Acting Secretary
March 27, 2008