

Town of Red Hook  
Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes

September 10, 2008

**Attendance:** Nancy Guski and Eleanor Friery

**Absent:** Rosemarie Zengen, Karen Cadorette and Marcy Appell

**Guest:** none

**Purpose:** This is the regular monthly meeting of the Commission.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. to discuss plans for the Hardscrabble Day booth participation.

**Minutes:** A quorum was not achieved; therefore the minutes from August 4, 2008 could not be approved.

**Discussions:**

**Hardscrabble Day Pre-Plans:** Nancy had a table display of the “tree cookies” and table center piece displays for the Tree Café tables for Hardscrabble Day. The present group decided to meet at Nancy’s house on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm until 4 pm for a work party to add sayings to the cookies and make the necklaces.

For Hardscrabble Day, Eleanor volunteered to bring her white tent, 8 ft. long table and a white table cloth. Linda Keeling volunteered to dress up in her tree costume for the morning, bring her bulletin board stand and display, 2 ft. potted pine tree for displaying the necklaces, literature give-a-ways and a 2 ft. diameter catalpa tree slice from Barbara and Bob Bielenberg which will be donated to the Mill Rd. School for their Nature Trail display information. Nancy will bring the boxes of tree cookies, necklaces and signs and table clothes for the Tree Café near the parking lot next to the Village Building. The Tree Commission group will be located at the old telephone building, now the former Prudential building, owned by Todd Baright. The CAC and Bard College students will also be behind the fence for the Arts Fest '08 location headed by Rosemarie Zengen.

**Forestry Management Plan:** Nancy would like the group to continue to review and work on this project. Eleanor had read the Town of Greece plan and felt it was too restrictive for our needs. There is, however, some good information in it.

Nancy handed out a copy of her Sept. 8, 2008 report (2 pages) to the Town Board which she explained to them in person.

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Eleanor handed out copies of her “Educational Outreach for Arbor Day” (2 pages) outline to be presented to the Mill Road Elementary School. She would like to get the building representative, Melissa Levy of the Nature Trail involved along with Steve Hart.

The goal would be to enhance the Nature Trail, purchase books through the assistance of the Botstein Fund, and run a poster contest for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Eleanor would also like to involve Mary Pat Budd of the Middle School with a Project Learning Tree grant which is a \$5,000 grant due Oct. 31.

*Liaison to the Tree Commission:* Town Councilperson Micki Strawinski is the liaison and would like to attend meetings if they are in the evenings due to her work schedule.

*Commission Priorities:* Nancy felt that the inventory of trees could be done with the help of the “Urban and Community Forestry” D.E.C. grant due in June of 2009 with the help of a grant writer. She would also like the Commission to run public workshops regarding planning and planting trees. Other items of concern are the establishment of a budget so the group can function with the aid of reference books, money for workshop attendance and a place to house inventory data.

Nancy will check with the town clerk about establishing the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month as our regular meeting time in the evening.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, *October 1, 7:00 pm* at the town hall.

**Concluded:** Chairman Nancy Guski called an ending to the discussion at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling  
TPC Secretary  
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