

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

**Minutes: September 15, 2009**

**Attendance:** Chairperson Nancy Guski, Marcy Appell, Karen Cadorette, Eleanor Friery and Rose Zengen

**Absent:** Our wonderful secretary, Linda Keeling

**Guest:** none

**Purpose:** Regular monthly meeting of the Commission held on the third Tuesday of every month

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. and presented the committee with the evening's agenda.

**Minutes:** Chairperson Guski asked that #2 under discussion of the July 21<sup>st</sup> minutes be revised to say: "Nancy Guski and Brenda Cagle will be going to the Pratt..." Also, #8 under "Watershed group" should say that SAND stands for Stream Alliance of Dutchess County and that they meet at the Rhinebeck Starr Library and the actual date should be included.

Marcy Appell moved to accept the revised minutes from July 21, 2009, Eleanor Friery seconded the motion, all agreed.

**Discussions:**

1. *Commemorative Tree Program:* Karen Cadorette showed a copy she had found of the Commemorative Tree Application. All agreed that we like the word "Commemorative" rather than "Memorial".

Rosemarie Zengen read Ken Giek's letter about "Trees in Memoriam". He stated he would allow trees to be planted in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. Mr. Giek had discussed with Rosemarie Zengen that "with regard to a memorial marker for Tree Preservation Commission each tree, there are two options: a flat granite marker or a bronze plaque for any trees in the cemetery. We (the cemetery) will only accept the granite markers. The cost with lettering for these markers would be: granite \$195.00 and bronze \$245.00. Chairperson Guski asked Rosemarie to thank Mr. Giek and let him know we would get back to him next spring.

Rosemarie Zengen also stated that the Red Church wanted to work with the Tree Committee on this project. Chairperson Guski suggested Eleanor Friery and Karen Cadorette read more about Commemoratives and get back to our committee during the winter.

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2. Budget: Chairperson Guski met with Town Business Manager, Rose Rider, about our Committee's budget. Chairperson Guski expressed to her that while Tree Committee members give freely of their time, a budget is necessary. Rose Rider stated that all town budgets had been cut 10%. Rose Rider said that \$950.00 is the Tree Committee's budget for 2010.

3. Grant Update: We're waiting and waiting for the Urban Forestry grant, so Nancy Guski met with Linda Keeling about exploring some other grants. Linda Keeling agreed to do so. Linda will be paid \$1,000.00 (\$500 from the 2008 budget, plus \$500 from the 2009 budget). Marcy Appell asked if Linda Keeling writes more than the 3 grants she's working on, would she be paid more money. Chairperson Guski said, "No, she will not."

4. Trees for Tribs: Chairperson Guski and Brenda Cagle went out east on Rt. 199 to the Sawkill. Chairperson Guski said they're not mowing there but it's actually stabilizing the area. So planting for the fall will encompass the Recreation Park only. Chairperson Guski stated what was vandalized. Planting will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

5. Hardscrabble Day: Hardscrabble Day "Tree fest" list of activities:

a. Distribute tree brochures: Chairperson Guski thanked Eleanor Friery prolifically for putting together and printing all the "Tree Owner's Manuals" for the event.

b. Distribute info about the emerald ash borer: Chairperson Guski said, "There's nothing that can be done about it. It affects every ash tree and people should know about it."

c. Northern Dutchess Botanical: A bench made from a mahogany tree root was discussed.

d. Kevin Rifenburg (artist) wood cuts: Mr. Rifenburg will bring his wood cuts and work on a piece at the event. Rosemarie Zengen said she will bring easels for his works.

e. Recycled wood for cabinets and furniture (wormy chestnut): Chairperson Guski said Ernie Churchill will have a chestnut cabinet door on display.

f. Tree Cookies: Chairperson Guski has arranged for children to be able to stamp their own medallions and magnets. Rosemarie Zengen will bring a bench set for kids to work at for the event.

g. Tree Raffle: Chairperson Guski said that Linda Keeling has nine barks we could raffle off. Rosemarie Zengen will bring the fish bowl for the raffle.

h. Weather Sticks: We will be selling them at the event for \$4.00 each.

i. Donation Jar: Rosemarie Zengen will bring one.

j. Survey: Rosemarie Zengen made a motion to not have a survey but a volunteer list. Marcy Appell seconded, all agreed.

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k. Tree Costume: Linda Keeling and Colleen Zengen will grace us in their costumes once again.

l. Grandiflora – list of “trees that work”: Hopefully we will have this list for the event.

m. Edible Tree Cookies: Rosemarie Zengen will ask Terry’s bakery and Linda Keeling to make edible cookies.

n. Tree Quilt: Chairperson Guski has been working diligently on cutting out paper trees for a quilt. All are hoping it can be framed and placed on a wall in the town hall.

o. Wood Art Merchandise: Rosemarie Zengen will bring a variety of merchandise to the event to be sold. The Tree Committee will receive 20% commission from all merchandise purchased at the event.

**Next Meeting**: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Concluded**: Marcy Appell motioned to end the meeting at 8:25 pm and Karen Cadorette seconded, all agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Zengen, substitute secretary

Typed by Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary