

Town of Red Hook  
Tree Preservation Commission  
**Minutes: January 25, 2011**

**Attendance:** Chairperson Nancy Guski, Karen Cadorette, Rosemarie Zengen and new liaison Micki Strawinski

**Absent:** Marcy Appell, Eleanor Friery

**Guest:** none

**Purpose:** Regular monthly meeting of the Commission held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Town Hall.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm as a quorum was met. Nancy had the Urban and Community Forestry grant materials laid out on a table for all to see the various parts: planting list, multiple maps, photographs of past events, etc.

Nancy welcomed Micki Strawinski in her new capacity as the Tree Commission's liaison. Micki thanked Nancy for all her presentations to the Board. Nancy suggested that those present give their reports first then written reports read. Micki thought it was a good idea and will suggest it to Supervisor Crane.

Regarding the liaison's attendance at meetings, Micki indicated that if she has the agenda she can tell whether or not her attendance is necessary to answer questions.

**Minutes:** Rosemarie corrected page 1 and #10 page 3 with minor insertions.

*Karen Cadorette motioned to accept the minutes from November 16, 2010 as amended. Rosemarie Zengen seconded, all agreed.*

Nancy stressed that we have been working with the Recreation Park and other Committees throughout the year. She has been disappointed that some of the bushes in the Wetland's Walk have not been doing very well.

**Discussions:**

1. **Tree City USA:** Nancy sent in the application for Tree City USA and she has not heard back from them to date.

2. **Urban and Community Forestry Grant due Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy explained the philosophy and approach to the grant application. It will be an Inventory and Planting grant. She handed out a sheet listing all the trees to be planted which amounts to 32 trees. The developments will be addressed as an extension from the Village plantings. Nancy has conferred with CAC Chairman Brenda Cagle. Brenda suggested getting out of the Park and into more public street plantings.

Nancy selected the trees using Michael Durr's book. These trees will be paid for out of the grant if we get it. Nancy explained that \$600 will come from the grant to pay the grant writer, Linda Keeling of GrantPro Associates. It's a \$16,000 grant with an \$8,000 in-kind match. Volunteer time is calculated at about \$15 per hour. Linda will do the narrative and Nancy will do the gathering of maps, budget information and letters of support. Nancy has been going to the ReLeaf meetings and making herself available to the overseers of the grant. Rosemarie felt we have a good shot at the grant as we have done so many activities over the years. Nancy secured Letters of Support from the St. Margaret's Committee, CAC, Rec Park, Linden Ave. Who Cares Group, Elementary School Principal, Village Green, Hannaford, Save Our Town and the Town Highway Department. Theresa Burke gave Nancy a list of roads and explained which ones were access or deeded roads. A Resolution of Support will be needed and Micki agreed to get it on the agenda. Nancy explained more of the details for the content of the grant application.

**3. Hannaford Memorial Tree:** The Hannaford Tree was mowed down by a snowmobile. Everyone was upset to learn of this. Nancy indicated a replacement tree will be planted. It was originally \$90 through Save Our Town member donations. Rosemarie wanted to know if she should ask Marcia Graham of Hannaford if they want to donate the plaque. Nancy agreed that would be fine to have Hannaford do that. Rosemarie wanted to know if a "No Trespassing" sign could be erected as this might help the Police in watching over the property as well help with liability issues.

**4. Tree Conference:** This will be in the Hudson Valley area either at New Paltz or Newburgh. Nancy encouraged others to attend especially since it will be in our area.

**5. Commemorative Tree Program:** Nancy explained that we are still working towards this goal and if we get the grant, it will most likely cause this program to flourish. Linda Keeling asked if contact has been made with the garden club as they might have extra plantings to give away. Nancy said that Dick Franklin has offered some Japanese maples from his property. Supervisor Crane has also offered, in the past, copper beech from her property.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 15, 2011.**

**Concluded:** *Rosemarie Zengen motioned to adjourn and Karen Cadorette seconded. All agreed.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

Approved Feb. 15, 2011