

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes: February 15, 2011

Attendance: Chairperson Nancy Guski, Eleanor Friery Karen Cadorette, Rosemarie Zengen and Marcy Appell (and Linda Keeling, secretary)

Absent: Micki Strawinski, town council liaison, speaker Joe Baldwin of Rusty's Restaurant

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.

Minutes: The Draft Minutes from 1-25-11 were reviewed and no corrections were made.

Marcy motioned to accept the minutes and Eleanor seconded. All agreed. No major changes were made but Nancy noted that she used the Michael Douris' book, Street Trees listing and Schichtel's Catalogue as a reference for the Tree Grant submission. The Commemorative Tree Program was addressed by Rosemarie Zengen regarding planting a tree every Hardscrabble Day. Nancy noted that it was mentioned in former minutes.

Discussions:

Nancy thanked everyone who contributed to the grant application which was mailed out two days before it was due, one color copy and 4 black and whites in a box with a cover sheet. Supervisor Crane signed each one and Sue McCann stamped each one. Everyone did a splendid job in pulling all the various pieces together to make a very attractive and informative package. We don't know when we will get notification of whether or not it was successful. Nancy is attending a ReLeaf meeting on Feb. 16th in Hyde Park.

Rosemarie had invited Joe Baldwin of Rusty's Restaurant to talk about adding his expertise on "Earth-to-Table" and the stevia tree (a tropical sugar intense plant) for our Arbor Day Celebration. Unfortunately, he never showed.

1. **Arbor Day** will be celebrated by the Tree Commission on Saturday, April 30th at the Town Hall. Karen and Nancy will be doing direct planting. Nancy sent a Letter to the Editor to the *Kingston Freeman* about the International Year of the Forest and the fact that the Hannaford tree (green spire little leaf linden tree) was mowed down by a snowmobile. Rosemarie suggested sending the Letter to the editor to other newspapers. Rosemarie also suggested installing a sign on the St. Margaret's property as warnings.

Eleanor Friery described the upcoming activities she will be coordinating again with the Elementary School: tree plantings, follow-up information to teachers, books for prizes which Eleanor has generously offered to purchase as a donation again, posters due 4-15. Several members volunteered to help Eleanor with the judging as she received 500 last year. We will meet for judging on 4-26 at noon at Eleanor's house. Everyone will get a little something for participating. When the weather is better money from the Botstein Fund will be used to erect signs on the Nature Trail at the elementary school.

We will focus on the Nature Trail. Activities will center at the Town Hall. Rosemarie, Marcy and Linda will hand out tree seedlings, info, brochures, cooking oil can, Arbor Day posters, wood carving prints, basket of goodies from a raffle, kid CD showing, etc. Rose will organize a farmer's Market, have stevia trees for sale, and perhaps get Pete Seeger to sing. The luncheon will be indoors for the workers from the Village Green and Tree Commission. Rose is going to try to get various donations to augment our reduced budget for the year including getting the event catered locally. She will also contact the CAC and Hudson to see if they want to participate. Hopefully, Supervisor Sue Crane will again read the Arbor Day Proclamation. We are going to get additional free seedlings from Dick Franklin and Sue Crane by digging and potting them up. It will be called "Arbor Day the International Year of Forests". Linda suggested the Who Cares group do a hands-on project for our future events. Nancy will contact Mary Pat Budd about it. It was noted that the Arbor Day website has lots of information on this. Nancy noted the NYS is the most forested state at 60%.

A Press Release will need to be sent out. Hopefully the local radio station WKCZ 98.1 FM will cover the event.

2. **Appleblossom** is May 7th. We generally don't do as an extensive a presentation at this time, just a table, limited information and some tree seedlings and a donation box. Linda Keeling suggested putting the winning posters in store front windows.

3. **St. Margaret Committee / Hardscrabble Day Liaison**: Marcy wanted to know what she would do. Rosemarie explained her function. *Nancy motioned to have Rosemarie Zengen be the liaison to the St. Margaret's Committee and Hardscrabble Day, Marcy Appell seconded and all agreed.* There was some discussion on the location for Arbor Day. The Town Hall was felt the best place.

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

Concluded: *Rosemarie Zengen motioned to adjourn and Marcy Appell seconded. All agreed.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

Accepted 3/15/11 as written