

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

Attendance: Chairperson Nancy Guski, Eleanor Friery, Karen Cadorette, Rosemarie Zengen and Marcy Appell (Linda Keeling, secretary, 7:15 pm)

Absent: none

Guest: Micki Strawinski, town council liaison

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 7:01 pm as a quorum was met.

Minutes: The Draft Minutes from 2-15-11 were reviewed and no corrections were made.

Marcy motioned to accept the minutes and Eleanor seconded. All agreed.

Discussions:

Chairman Nancy Guski noted Linda was late and asked Rosemarie Zengen to fill in with note taking until the secretary arrives.

1. **Tree City:** Nancy announced we are again designated a Tree City USA community.
2. **Tree Trimming:** Nancy called Central Hudson about the upcoming pruning notice sent out to the Red Hook community. She asked them to please prune trees according to standards. She mentioned about several trees she knew needed pruning. Nancy also felt we'll be able to work well with the new Town Highway Superintendent.
3. **Arbor Day:** Nancy contacted the Who Cares group. They will attend the celebration. Nancy needs suggestions about which seedlings she should order. She noted that \$600 has been spent on grant writing. \$100 is for seedlings and there is \$800 remaining in our account. We will get a new "Hannaford tree" and replace the oak and another tree at the Rec Park. The three trees will be a total of \$302 which includes the seedlings. Afterward, \$498 will remain. Linda suggested that whenever Nancy writes a letter to the newspaper, she should let the group hear and approve the letter. Nancy agreed and all others were in agreement. Eleanor will need some money for Arbor Day for the "Tree Owner's Manual" which Copy Cat will print.

Linda thanked Rosemarie for filling in until she arrived.

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Rosemarie Zengen relayed that Hannaford Supermarket has agreed to complimentary cater Arbor Day for 60 people with meat platters, veggie platter, salad and rolls for the workers from the Tree Commission (TC), Town Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Village Green (VG). Rosemarie will get a florist to supply the centerpiece. She has gotten permission to use the Town Hall building and the bank's parking lot. Rosemarie will supply the table coverings. Jeanne Duntz will supply paper products (cups, plates, etc) Dick Wambach will design the poster and include the stationery. The event will be from 10-1. Micki Strawinski indicated that Clean-Up Day is on the same day from 1 - 4:30 pm so there should not be a conflict with people trying to do both events. Micki will make raspberry tea and supply the coffee and urn. Rosemarie will bring cut up lemon slices. Nancy will ask Migliorelli for cider. Marcy will ask Stewarts for 4 diet and 4 regular sodas. The Town's water cooler can be brought into the room that day. Rosemarie asked Ben of Village Pizza for a couple of pizzas. He will donate two pies. The pie can be cut into 16ths. Tents will be supplied by Micki and Eleanor. A sign will be needed at the front of the town building. Rosemarie has contacted the Fell's Sign shop.

At 11:45 am Arbor Day Proclamations will be read and presented from Supervisor Sue Crane, Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro, Village Mayor-to-be Ed Blundell and Legislator Ben Traudt will also be contacted. Doug Strawinski will take care of the outdoor podium. Lunch will commence at noon and include the presenters.

Rosemarie described the possible lay out for the display vendors. To date, she has not heard back from Pete Seeger but heard from Noel Tepper that Pete would love to come. The group also discussed other potential musicians if Pete can't come. Local farmers participating are Richie Biezynski, Norman Greig (supplying a tractor and hay wagon), Gigi Restaurant, Hudson Valley Clean Energy, St. Margaret's Awareness Booth (possible raffle), Tree Commission Booth, CAC with 10% Challenge and solar oven, Hudsonia, composting demonstration for luncheon scraps. Nancy will contact Denise Barton to see if the fuel car is available. Parking will be at the bank and behind the fence at the Town Hall. Nancy will talk with Teresa regarding the recycling center entrance.

Rosemarie had to leave at 8:00 pm. Nancy thanked her for all her hard work on the plans.

4. Nature Trail at Mill Rd.: The teachers have to be in school for make-up days April 18-22nd. Eleanor spoke with Steve Hart and he will put information on the Mill Rd School's website with Principal Boyd's approval. He has several buckets donated for the posts. The Nature Trail Guide Book will be refined this year with Julie Myers of the 1st grade helping out. Eleanor described her time schedule: lessons on April 25th and the 26th the posters will be reviewed by a Tree subcommittee at Eleanor's house. The winners will be announced on Arbor Day. The seedlings will be planted. Micki mentioned to Eleanor that she has a few 5 gallon buckets that she can have. Eleanor explained that Steve Hart is going to use the buckets to hold the signs rather than using concrete. Plastic signs will be screwed into the posts in an effort to identify the trees and deter potential vandalism.

5. Conference: New Paltz, July 14-15th (Thurs, Fri, Sat.) two can go for the price of one. One day will be a tour of Mohonk. Everyone thought was a wonderful thing. The Conference will address how to make your ordinance have “teeth.” through enforcement. In our ordinance it is the Zoning Enforcement Officer that enforces it. Micki asked if the Planners and Zoning Committee members can get credit for attending. Nancy thought that was possible. Linda asked who is ReLeaf? Nancy said it is part of the D.E.C.’s Urban Forestry Program, Division of Lands and Forests. Nancy relayed her experience when at Cornell when they announced the grant winners and she noticed the reaction on some people’s faces when they didn’t get their grant. So she is happy that will not occur at this conference. We will hear the result of our grant application in July. They do have a million dollars available so hopefully we will be successful with our application.

6. Seedling Selection: The group proceeded to select seedlings form the list. Eleanor thought the elderberry would be nice for the Nature Area. The seedlings come in packs of ten, prices vary. The group made their consensus selections. Nancy will pick them up at Millbrook. Linda volunteered to assist her.

7. Tree Conference: April 1st is the Conference in Albany again. Linda went last year. Marcy volunteered to go this year. Linda hopes they don’t give us signs again as the ones erected at the entrances are updated with a sticker indicating the number of years we are a Tree City member. The Village has 7 years and we are 4 years. Nancy gave a new flag to Ted Kudzy to hang as the other one is tattered.

8. Bard College: Nancy noted that Bard is a Tree City Campus. She asked Micki if they might want to participate at our Arbor Day event. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is rescheduled to

Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Nancy will make the arrangements.

Concluded: *Eleanor Friery motioned to adjourn and Karen Cadorette seconded. All agreed.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

Accepted 4/12/11 with corrections