

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

**Minutes: April 10, 2012**

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

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** Brenda Cagle, Town Council Liaison

**Location:** Town Hall, Red Hook

**Purpose:** Regular monthly meeting of the Commission is held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Town Hall. Note: The Commission did not meet in March.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 7: 07 pm. There was a quorum.

**Minutes:** There were no corrections to the minutes.

**MOTION:** *Marcy Appell motioned to accept the minutes from February 21, 2012, Rosemarie Zengen. All agreed.*

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:**

**1. Red Hook Farmer's Quarterly Almanac:** Rosemarie Zengen distributed the newly published booklet. Everyone was very impressed with the quality of the publication. Chairperson Nancy Guski congratulated Rosemarie Zengen and Linda Keeling for their work on the booklet which will undoubtedly help the farmers and encourage tourism.

**2. Tree City Recognition Luncheon and Workshop:** Chairperson Nancy Guski attended this meeting at the Crown Plaza. Our Commission received a growth award. Dr. Chris Luley emphasized the importance of large trees in your parks like oaks, maples, coffee trees which last longer and sequester more oxygen after 10 years. He reminded all to plant in a suitable location with good soil volume. Maintenance, species selection and inclusion of swamp oaks make for a healthy tree community. Nancy showed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster winner.

**3. Arbor-Earth Day Celebration:** Nancy Guski made 150 tree cookie necklaces organized in packs of ten. Rosemarie Zengen is organizing the day's events. Rose ordered signs locally but hand problems getting the signs quickly. Supervisor Crane gave permission to put the sign in front of the town hall. The Festival will be on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10-2, at the town hall. She will get the following vendor participants: The New Standard Band, Migliorelli, Gigi, Greig farm hay ride, Northwind Farm, Red Hook CAC, Grandiflora, Integrity, Village Police Dept., St. Margaret's Home Committee, Red Hook Farmer's Quarterly Almanac so far. Proclamation

speakers will include: County Executive Marcus Molinaro, Supervisor Sue Crane, Village Mayors Cranna and Blundell, Legislator Traudt and perhaps Didi Barrett and Chris Gibson.

There was some discussion on the set-up placement and parking considerations. Rosemarie will contact Rhinebeck Savings Bank about the use of their parking lot.

Jean Duntz will be orchestrating the luncheon with Sue McCann's help.

The Tree Commission's booth will have free seedlings, tree owner manuals, general information, winning posters displayed and a raffle of a basket of goodies that Nancy will put together.

Rosemarie Zengen will contact Fred Cartier about videotaping the event.

Eight trees with a 1 ¾ inch girth will be planted: 5 balled white spruce at St. Margaret's home on the east end, 1 white oak to honor Marcy Appell, 1 dogwood to honor Cecil Moore and 1 ivory tree lilac to honor the Trezza Family at the Red Church. The Town Highway Dept. will dig the seven holes for \$23 as part of the shared services arrangement. Mary pat Budd and her Middle School volunteers will help plant the trees.

Nancy reported that we have \$475 in donated money and we hope to get more donations during the festivities.

**4. Mill Road Elementary School:** Eleanor Friery reported she ordered the trees and bushes to arrive on April 16<sup>th</sup>. 18-27 are to be planted, the first grade teachers will also plant with their students. The poster contest has been advertised. Commission member will meet at Eleanor's house for lunch and judge the posters on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Winners will receive books, 1<sup>st</sup> graders will get a tree cookie necklace, and third grade will get a certificate. There is now a garden connection at Mill Rd. Elementary School but not connected to the Woodlands Trail. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Nancy will help take pictures at 9 am of the K-2 winners.

#### **New Business:**

**1. Tree Issue in Tivoli's Teviot Property:** Chairperson Nancy Guski brought to the attention of the group that the Town Planning Board has granted approval for a permit for the removal of trees within the 1000 ft. Hudson River buffer to improve the viewshed from this property. Members hope they are judicious in their culling of trees which this Commission has no direct oversight of the property owner. Rosemarie hopes they have respect for the older trees.

**2. Tree Grant Administration:** Chairperson Nancy Guski informed the group that she is keeping track of all in-kind hours on her computer.

**3. Growth Award Plaque:** Nancy showed the group the new plaque which shows we have been Tree City awardees for 6 years. We needed 10 points to qualify and Nancy found 24 points because of our strong outreach programs with Arbor-Earth Day celebrations and the school education programs. The plaque will be hung in the Town Hall. A green hat was given to Rosemarie Zengen this time.

**Adjournment:** *Marcy Appell motioned to adjourn the meeting, Karen Cadorette seconded, all agreed.*

**Concluded:** The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 7:00 pm, town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

Approved 5/16/12