

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: June 19, 2012

Attendance: Chairperson Nancy Guski, Marcy Appell, Karen Cadorette (7:03 pm) Eleanor Friery, Rosemarie Zengen, and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Brenda Cagle, Town Council Liaison

Guest: None

Location: Red Hook Town Hall

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

Call to Order: Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm. There was a quorum.

Minutes: Rosemarie Zengen noted the following corrections / additions:

Page 1: Place Brenda Cagle with the listing of members and before the secretary

Page 1: Motion: add "*seconded*"; p.1, ph.2 should be "*Mac's*" and item #2 should be "*St. Margaret's Home Committee*";

Page 2, item #6 add: "*Rosemarie Zengen put in 32 hours planning the event.*" p.2, item #7 change to "*Rosemarie Zengen suggested Tina Zengen wear the costume.*";

Page 3: item #10, ph. 3, add "*Rosemarie Zengen would be honored to do it*";

Page 4: item #1: clarify brick with addition "*old telephone company*"

Rosemarie Zengen stated the Secretary comments during the meeting and suggested the group work towards a tree planting plan.

Eleanor Friery's comments:

Page 2, item 6 should be "7".

Eleanor stated the secretary goes well above and beyond what other secretaries do. She volunteers her time at events and pots ups, makes labels and cares for the tree seedlings for the Tree Commission. She feels her comments are constructive.

MOTION: *Marcy Appell motioned to accept the minutes with the additions / corrections for the May 15, 2012 minutes; Eleanor Friery seconded, all agreed.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. St. Margaret's Home Update: Regarding the trees being planted in the wrong place, Steve Cole, Town of Red Hook Building Inspector, went to the Dutchess County Board of Health to discuss the placement. It was determined that the trees are within 10 ft. of the leach field and will have to be moved. Chairperson Nancy Guski wanted to wait until all is solved before proceeding.

The grant provided for planting 9 trees with 7 planted so far, Marcy Appell asked if someone talked to Hannaford. There will be a future joint meeting with the Town Superintendent, Chairman Paul Fredricks, Rosemarie Zengen and Hannaford Manager. The Marcy Appell tree is located appropriately. Michele Decker has agreed to move the trees when requested by Chairman Nancy Guski.

2. Inventory Update: The SWAT Team has money. Chairman Nancy Guski thanked Karen Cadorette for meeting twice regarding the Inventory. Listed volunteers will be trained in the fall by Stephanie Radin.

3. Teviot Property: Chairman Nancy Guski attended the Planning Board meeting to present a generic letter. She read the ending of the letter to the Tree Commission members. She explained there are two parcels of 19 acres and 82 acres. Chairman Kane encouraged viewshed enhancements. The 2008-9 approval was violated. The applicant removed 53 trees rather than just 19. Marcy Appell, Member of Winnakee's Board, said that this land is covered under the Winnakee land Trust easement. There was some discussion about the property and the trees removed. Chairman Nancy Guski would like to write a note to Planning Board Chairman Kane regarding the Tree Commission's availability to discuss the Werner Tree Management Plan.

MOTION: *Rosemarie Zengen motioned that Chairman Nancy Guski should write a letter to Chairman Kane regarding the Tree Commission's Management Plan, Karen Cadorette seconded, all agreed.*

Chairman Guski noted that she needs more stationery. Rosemarie Zengen will call F&M Printing for more.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ReLeaf Meeting: Chairman Guski reported the meeting was held at Region 3 in New Paltz D.E.C. Center. Discussion focused on: planting trees: set back planting, planting on property, legal issues. A questionnaire was given to all towns and will be taken to NYS by Karen Emerick.

There will be a Releaf Conference in Buffalo on July 19-21 on "Partnership to Build Your Tree Canopy".

2. Baxter Tree Presentation: Rosemarie Zengen said she is still willing to do the presentation. Chairman Guski noted she wrote up an article for the July edition of the Red Hook Farmers' Quarterly about the Baxter Tree. Nancy called Loretta Campagna, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, about presenting the Bicentennial quilt. They may have to pick another date but would like to have Betsy Baxter Wacker and the artist, Kevin Rifenburg, come. October 9th will be the Bicentennial Quilt Dedication. There was further discussion about where to present the Baxter Tree Wood Block Print. It was decided at the Town Hall at July's Town board meeting on the 10th or 25th and Nancy will present then. September 22nd is Hardscrabble Day in the Village of Red Hook.

3. Hardscrabble Day, Sept. 22: The Tree Commission will have a booth and activities for the children and adults at the old Telephone Co. building on North Broadway. There will be general information and displays, kid activities, Baxter Tree wood block prints, potted plants, tree

cookies and tree stamps. Rosemarie Zengen will contact Dr. Verilli about displaying his antique cars again, free of charge, car show. The parade is at 4 pm with dignitaries in the antique cars.

MOTION: *Rosemarie Zengen motioned that Marcy Appell and Dr. Kenneth Appell represent the Tree Commission in the Hardscrabble car. Karen Cadorette seconded, all agreed.*

4. Mill Road Elementary School Bio Blast: Eleanor Friery explained the Bio Blast as 6 stations at the Mill Rd. Elementary School gardens and Nature Trail. Eleanor and Nancy Guski did a tree identification, leaf lesson, circumference and age of trees stations. The third graders, Ages 9-11, recorded data. The lessons were 20 minutes and students moved to another station when a horn was blown.

5. Emerald Ash Borer: Chairman Nancy Guski noted that this destructive insect is in the Hudson Valley.

6. Senior Outreach Involvement: Chairman Guski noted she asked Chairman Andy Kehr of the Town's Senior Services Committee if they would like to get involved. He will bring the topic up at his next meeting.

Adjournment: *Marcy Appell motioned to adjourn the meeting, Eleanor Friery seconded, all agreed.*

Concluded: The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 24, 2012, 7:00 pm, town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

Approved 8/21/12

Attachment:

1. May 16, 2012 Letter to Planning Board Chairman Kane, Teviot Public Hearing Comments and information, two pages
2. July 23, 2012 Letter from Erika Maher to Tree Commission Chair: Energy climate Action Plan (ECAP), one page