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Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: September 17, 2013

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

Absent: Brenda Cagle Town Council Liaison

Guest: Tina Zengen

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 7:00 pm. There was a quorum. Nancy had sent the agenda via email in order to save paper.

Minutes: *Eleanor Friery* noted that in the June minutes Alicia O’Shea had sent a thank you note via email which she forwarded to Nancy Guski. She also noted that Nancy Roberts was very grateful for the thank you note from Nancy Guski regarding Arbor Day.

Rosemarie Zengen noted it should be “Proclamation” rather than “Certificate” on page 2 at the bottom.

MOTION: *Eleanor Friery* motioned to accept the minutes for the August 20, 2013 minutes as corrected, *Rosemarie Zengen* seconded, all agreed.

Agenda Items: *Chairman Guski* explained she will not be addressing the Forestry Management Plan now but at a later date during its own time slot. She wants to focus on the Hardscrabble Day plans and a little bit about fall planting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Commemorative Trees: *Rosemarie Zengen* inquired if a tree will be planted for Winty Aldrich. *Nancy Guski* noted that there is no money in the budget now but it will be considered along with others that might be received in the spring. *Rosemarie* noted that George Hildebrand is out of the hospital. Nancy was aware as she has made contact with the family.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence:

A. Heather Gibbons, Rising Tide Communications, Hudson Valley Mercantile: She requested scheduling information for the CAC for Hardscrabble Day kid area. *Nancy Guski* described the Tree Commission’s location north of Nekos on the tree lawn and the activities for the day.

B. Dog Park: *Cecily Frazer* described their plans to dig a hole in a rock, add soil and plant a tree in the middle of the field. She wanted tree suggestions. The group felt the method and location were not

preferred. *Nancy Guski's* solution was to forward it to the Rhinebeck Tree Commission as this is a joint municipal project and is a public space. *Karen Cadorette* indicated if the rock is shale it can be broken up. She will take a look at the site as it is only 2 miles from her house. *Nancy* said to feel free to select a tree variety for them and offer advice.

C. Kathy Stewart's Volunteered Tree Spade: *Nancy Guski* called *Kathy Stewart* twice but didn't get an answer so she left a message. There was talk about moving the two blue spruces in front of the town hall as they will get too big later on. One would go to the town park and one to the village park. *Karen Cadorette* explained it is a cone shaped machine that opens and takes a wedge from the soil. *Nancy* inquired as to how much it would cost. *Karen* replied for a full day it would be about \$1,000. *Nancy* will contact Supervisor *Sue Crane* and inform her where we are at concerning obtaining the use of the machine from the *Stewart* family.

2. Hardscrabble Day Plans for Sat. 9/21: Four trees will be planted on River Road at the St. John's Church, one at the town's Superintendent of Highway's office of a red jewel which is more resistant to disease rather than a snowdrift honoring *George Hildenbrand*. A replacement tree in front of town hall, will be a *Cornelia cherry* that gets to be 15 ft. tall. It is in the dogwood family with yellow flowers. We are now paying shipping and dipping in hydrogel according to *Jim Kiska* of *Schichtel's Nursery*. *Nancy Guski* felt that it will now cost about \$100, the cost of one tree. Formerly *Bob Smith* did not charge us and would bundle deliveries. The four trees will cost about \$75 in shipping charges from Rochester. *Karen Cadorette* said *Adams* charges \$65 from *Poughkeepsie*.

Rosemarie Zengen described the usual location and events: red and white tent from TNT tent on the north side for the Tree Commission and St. Margaret's Home Committee. *Joe Tobin* will do folk songs from 10 am-2 pm and can take donations and sell his cd's. He has his own pop-up tent for the south lawn, near the art sculpture. We will have tree cookies from *Ernie Churchill*, coloring pages, tattoos, child's table and chairs, 100 edible tree cookies donated by *Terry's Bakery*, tree and gardening raffle basket, *Linda Keeling's* potted plants (20 plants plus 12 cactus) and tree booklets (about \$2 each from *F&M Printing*). *Linda* will bring 2 white tables, donation jars and raffle tickets. *Rosemarie* will bring comfortable seating, the plant stand and the banners. *Rosemarie* will represent the group in the parade car with the magnetic sign on the car. It was agreed to delete the antique cars and horse and carriage for this year. *Nancy Guski* doesn't want to do the table set-up at the Village parking lot because the cloth tablecloths were not found last year. She will only do hydrangea table settings. Everyone will meet at 9 am. The public has been recognizing the group because of the contacts. No tree costume trees this year. *Brenda Cagle* will be lending *Nancy Guski* a video called: "Stop in the Name of Trees". *Rosemarie* noted that *Vassar* planted 1000 trees according to an article. *Karen Cadorette* thought they had received a grant for this.

3. Other: *Karen Cadorette* noted that her arborist husband, *James*, completed the Inventory. It just needs to be compiled. The pines in the Rec Park were covered with poison ivy and have been sprayed.

Adjournment: MOTION: *Karen Cadorette* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Marcy Appell* seconded, all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary