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Town of Red Hook

## Tree Preservation Commission

### Minutes: August 19, 2014

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

**Absent:** Brenda Cagle Town Council Liaison (Note: one member needed)

**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 7:02 pm. She handed out an agenda.

**Minutes:** There was a quorum. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

**Motion:** *Marcy Appell* motioned to accept the June 17, 2014 minutes, *Eleanor Friery* seconded and all agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** An agenda was sent to members via email.

**1. Tree Seedlings:** *Eleanor Friery* said she didn't drop off the seedlings but they have grown in the buckets. *Linda Keeling* was still willing to repot them if she can drop them off at her house.

**2. Grant Update:** *Chairman Nancy Guski* said she is winding up the grant paperwork. She has put in over 150 hours so far. It is very time consuming but the journal helped. With the donated labor, the town should get back \$7,982.

We had scheduled 32 trees and planted 42 plus spent \$600 more on trees. The grant Inventory allotted for \$5,000 but we under spent as it was \$3,835. We are easily matching volunteer and planting time, etc. At this point our labor donation is \$10,000 which is \$2,000 more than needed. Linda Keeling noted it is good to be over so you don't have to give any money back. We didn't purchase 64 mulch bags for the park but rather used mulch at the recycling center and used a \$3 per bag estimate for a cost of \$192. We didn't use irrigator bags or stakes. Most trees were watered by hand so the bags were not needed.

*Chairman Guski* is in the middle of writing the narrative. We lost 4 out of 42 trees planted (10%). Pictures were taken of the planting with 4 planting sessions and the Inventory was done. She is aiming to have all the paperwork ready for the end of August. She was concerned about sending it all electronically so she called and found out she can send in the paperwork. She asked *Karen Cadorette* to email her the Inventory in a pdf form.

**3. Budget:** *Chairman Guski* said it was done and handed in. Next year, the focus will be on maintenance. She figured we have planted 362 shrubs and trees to date, not counting the bare root seedlings and potted trees given out at the two community days. Nancy reimbursed Eleanor Friery for \$265.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Replacement Tree Planting:** *Chairman Guski* noted that one tree on Guski Rd. needs replacement. The problem may be the soil which is dense clay and the collection of water in the basin area.

**2. Memorial Tree Planting:** *Linda Keeling* reminded Chairman Guski that she and *Karen Cadorette* wished to have a tree planted in honor of Mary Cioffi who worked at the town hall for many years alongside the Bookkeeper Debbie (Marks) Coons. Nancy said she would look into it and see if anyone else wants to contribute to the tree purchase. *Linda Keeling* suggested talking with Superintendent Theresa Burke about planting it somewhere near the new garage or near the recycling center.

**3. Hardscrabble Day, Sat. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Sue McCann is coordinating the vendor spots. Many felt the former spot should be located more to the center of the Village perhaps two properties south of the Library. We will have a simple tent and tables set up with our usual information, kid take away objects, tree cookies, and potted plants for a donation.

*Linda Keeling* reported that she repotted plants and so far she has: 16 trees / shrubs

1 highbush cranberry, 1 red dossier, 5 rose-of-sharon, 1 American plum, 1 white pine, 1 oak, 4 medium silky dogwoods and 2 oversized silky dogwoods. More might be added as she monitors their growth and vigor.

We have 3 days prior to plan further at our next meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

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

*Chairman Guski* adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:** No meeting in July. Tuesday, September 16, 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary