

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: September 16, 2014

Attendance: Chairperson Nancy Guski, Eleanor Friery, Karen Cadorette, Marcy Appell, Brenda Cagle
Town Council Liaison and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: None (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 7:01 pm. She emailed an agenda as well as handed out a copy.

Minutes: There was a quorum. *Linda Keeling* noted there was one correction to the minutes.

Correction: Sue McCann is not coordinating the vendors. She organizes the parade.

Motion: *Marcy Appell* motioned to accept the August 19, 2014 minutes, *Eleanor Friery* seconded and all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Grant Update: *Chairman Nancy Guski* sent the grant forms in on Oct. 30th and contacted Deb Gorka who said she received it. The forms had to be done on legal size paper and the bottom was left off. So she had to revise her submission.

The grant submission quoted a figure of \$15 per hour for volunteers but instead she had to use a minimum wage for the match. She had to convert staff salaries into hours and rework the figures. The grant needs a match of \$7982 which we about \$500 off. The Inventory cost less than quoted in the grant. It called for 32 trees to be planted and we did 40. The forester cannot be used for in-kind services. *Linda Keeling* suggested finding other items paid for so no money has to be sent back. *Nancy Guski* will recheck her figures this week to include the Arbor Day expenses and possibly lunches suggested by *Brenda Cagle* and then resend the information on the legal sized forms. Everyone gave a big thank you to Nancy for following through with all the work involved in administering the grant.

2. Hardscrabble Day, Sept. 20th: We will be located at the old telephone building again and set up will be 9 am. We don't know where the banner is located. *Eleanor Friery* will bring her canopy and the leaf identifying game she developed. *Linda Keeling* will bring two tables and potted plants. *Chairman Nancy Guski* contacted former member *Rosemarie Zengen* about using her plant stand. There will be a simple set up of tree information. Poster, tattoos and raffle supplied by Nancy Guski and local merchants.

Linda Keeling enumerated the potted plants she has to offer for donations: 1 highbush cranberry (2013), 1 red dossier (2011), 5 rose-of-sharon (2014), 1 American plum (2013), 1 white pine (2014), 1 oak (2013), 4 medium silky dogwoods (2012 & 2013) and 2 oversized silky dogwoods (2013) for a total of sixteen so far.

3. Fall Planting: *Rosemarie Zengen* suggested to *Nancy Guski* that a Commemorative Tree be planted at St. Margaret's Home for Paul Fredricks in his honor for working with the Hannaford property people and serving as chair of the St. Margaret's Home Committee. A date has not been set as Paul is having some medical difficulties. The St. Margaret's Committee might be able to pay a portion.

Linda Keeling asked about the Mary Cioffi Commemorative Tree dedication. *Chairman Nancy Guski* indicated it will be done in the spring. She talked with Theresa Burke and she suggested a line of trees near George Hildebrand's tree. The tree will cost about \$100 and the plaque \$85. *Karen Cadorette* will write a letter to the Cioffi family to inform them of the future event.

Chairman Guski noted that the Guski Rd. tree was replaced.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Hat: Chairman gave a hat to *Karen Cadorette* to give to Joe Chapman who has helped us in the past. She also sent him a photo of him helping to plant a tree.

2. New Member: *Chairman Nancy Guski* contacted Victoria Rolfe to see if she would like to be a member but declined. *Karen Cadorette* suggested putting an ad in the newspaper.

3. Tree List: *Brenda Cagle* said she received the tree availability list.

4. Tree Inspection: The blue spruce at the Rec Park is in trouble. John Kuhn will give them an extra feeding. Overall, the tree replacement percentage is low at about 10%.

5. Planning Board: *Brenda Cagle* said the Planning Board mentioned the Tree Committee in their review of the Kirchoff development of 102 units involving planting 400 trees. Brenda received a copy of the developer's tree plan and she will send a copy to Nancy. *Linda Keeling* asked that the trees not be planted so close to the sidewalk like in the Village as they will die. She asked if there is a provision for replacing dead trees. *Brenda Cagle* will research the bond for dead trees and maintenance. There will be a 6 ft. planting area and 5 ft. wide sidewalks. *Linda Keeling* noted that Supervisor Sue Crane asked at a meeting why the sidewalks have to be 5 ft. Linda explained that it is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act so two wheelchairs can pass.

6. South Broadway Sidewalk: *Chairman Nancy Guski* noticed people walking on the sidewalk and using the benches.

7. Trees in General: The group mentioned there is a problem with cedars due perhaps to climate changes. *Karen Cadorette* said definitely the blue spruces are having difficulties.

It was mentioned that the library tree was taken down and the stump ground down, a potential planting site for the Village Tree Committee. The summer storm caused a large maple to come down at St. Christopher's church. *Linda Keeling* noted it had rot in it.

Karen Cadorette said she noticed the north side, from CVS to the light, of Norway maples in Rhinebeck is in very poor health while the south side is fine.

Linda Keeling asked if tree planting along the highways will be prioritized in the spring as Pitcher Lane is in poor shape and the maple on her property needs to come down as the tree was poorly trimmed by the tree service hired by the town. *Chairman Nancy Guski* said the Tree Committee will use the completed Inventory to locate spots.

8. Grants: *Brenda Cagle* mentioned the town is applying for a Community Development Block grant to spruce up the parking lot at town hall. It will not cover additional trees. County Planning has provided a landscaping plan and trees will be needed to block the equipment area. She wondered if this group would like to apply for a tree grant due in December. *Linda Keeling* asked if this Committee will get a copy of the County's plan. *Brenda* said she forgot to bring it.

Adjournment:

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

Chairman Guski adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is October 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

Approved 11/18/14