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Town of Red Hook

**Tree Preservation Commission**

**Minutes: November 18, 2014**

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

**Absent:** Marcy Appell and 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. This meeting was held at an earlier time (6:30 pm) to allow members to attend the town board meeting, too.

**Call to Order:** *Chairperson Nancy Guski* passed out maps and called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. She handed out an agenda.

NOTE: There was no meeting in October.

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

**Motion:** *Eleanor Friery* motioned to accept the September 16, 2014 minutes, *Marcy Appell* seconded and all agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Grant Update:** Chairman Guski sent it out on August 30<sup>th</sup>, only attachment form A needed to be legal size so that was the problem. A week ago she sent in her third revision. There is about \$300 unspent. We couldn't use the Arbor Day and luncheon expenses.

**2. Fall Planting:** Two trees were planted: one Commemorative tree at St. Margaret's Home for Paul Fredricks and a replacement for Guski Road. The town was instrumental in picking up and delivering the trees. The St. Margaret's Home Committee paid for the plaque for Paul. Chairman Guski has to give a brief report to the Town board tonight so she will mention about Paul and his volunteer efforts in the community.

**3. Tree City:** Chairman Guski applied and it's due Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. There will not be a tree growth award for this year as in past years.

**4. Need Member:** We are still looking for a new member. *Linda Keeling* suggested advertising for the volunteer position.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Dutchess County Planning:** Emily from DC Planning contacted Nancy Guski. There was some discussion about sidewalks and trees and the setback in the BROW. *Chairman Guski* suggested talking to Brenda Cagle and Cecile Frasier of Rhinebeck. We were contacted by the Town of Red Hook Planning Board about tree advice. Everyone was pleased the Planning Board is interested in our participation. The Committee reviewed maps and written dialogue regarding the changes to the Town Hall campus parking area and landscape proposal. *Linda Keeling* mentioned that the grant she sent Nancy for \$1,000 might be useable for purchasing trees for the town's campus. Nancy will look into it. *Karen Cadorette* questioned if the plan will really happen. *Linda Keeling* told her the town received a Community Development Block grant that can only be used for ADA compliance issues with the parking lot and town hall doors.

**2. Kirchoff Development, TND, Hoffman Property:** Members looked at the proposed planting list and design from Michael Watkins Architect regarding the TND proposal. There are proposed about 103 lots on 56.4 acres with civic space. There was discussion about the road width and having enough space for the trees. The sidewalk will be 5 ft. and the tree lawn 6 ft. The map was dated Oct. 2, 2013. Everyone was happy to have the opportunity to review the plans. No specific recommendations were offered at this time.

**Adjournment:**

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

*Chairman Guski* adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

**Next Meeting:** We will not be meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary