

Town of Red Hook

**Tree Preservation Commission**

**Minutes: September 15, 2015**

**Attendance:** Chairperson Nancy Guski, Karen Cadorette, Eleanor Friery, Drs. George (Hop) and Cathy Michael, Brenda Cagle Town Council Liaison and Linda Keeling, secretary

**Absent:** Doug Traudt

**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 handed out an agenda.

**Minutes:** There was a quorum.

There was one correction on p.1 under Call to Order. It was Cathy Michael not Doug Traudt and p. 2 should be “prunus” accolade.

**Motion:** *Eleanor Friery* motioned to accept the August 18th as amended, *Cathy Michael* seconded, all agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Fall Planting and Maintenance:** *Chairman Guski* thanked *Hop Michael* for pruning the trees at the Rec Park. His picture is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Chairman Guski talked with John Kuhn about the trees that were deliberately damaged at the Rec Park. The Rec Park staff will help with the tree maintenance. John Kuhn remulched with good mulch and more needs to be done.

*Hop Michael* addressed the leaning trees. The trail entranceway serviceberry is not doing well due to a lack of sunlight. *Karen Cadorette* will send her staff over to inspect.

The soil is depleted by the garage and will need amendment according to the Forestry Management Plan. It will need compost and Holly-tone. Chairman Guski will talk to Theresa Burke. Hwy Supervisor.

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Village Green will do a luncheon for planter volunteers according to *Brenda Cagle*. They are planting 16 trees.

A request for a shrub and tree was okayed in the BROW on Rt. 199.

In the Rec Park, one malus tree will be replaced and two shrub viburnum on the south side with spirea.

The Mary Cioffi tree replacement will be done at no cost from the distributor as it didn't leafed out. The soil will be amended at that time.

*Chairman Guski* noted that we have \$64.62 left. A yard of compost will cost \$40 from Duffy Layton as recommended by *Karen Cadorette*.

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting when we will finalize plans.

Hop Michael offered to trim the overhanging crab trees next to the Methodist Church.

It was noted that the Sugartime crab apple looks good. Brenda Cagle noted that the Hawthorn looks good by Cayea's and Nero's place. Central Hudson did not do directional pruning on West Market St. and it looks terrible.

*Linda Keeling* asked about the two trees taken down by the Lutheran Church. Brenda Cagle said an arborist inspected them and they have replacements planted.

## **2. Hardscrabble Day, Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-2 pm:**

*Chairman Guski* put the raffle together. George Profus delivered hand outs to the Town Hall. *Linda Keeling* spent two days preparing 20 trees. *Eleanor Friery* will bring the tent at 9 am and Doug Traudt will bring his video equipment set-up on the Eagles presentation. *Linda Keeling* brought up the possibility of selling used items on a separate table to try to entice people through the gate as there is a Village wide yard sale. It was discussed and thought perhaps for next year. *Chairman Guski* thought sticking with just tree related items is enough. The Garden Club table will be next to us from 10-1.

## **3. Glyphosate (Roundup) Drift Update:**

*Chairman Guski* said she still needs to contact Carey Arboretum. She emailed CAC Chair Laurie Husted, the Trails Committee, and Colleen Darcy of DEC. The investigation is on-going with nothing more to add.

The company that sprayed visited Alice Meyers regarding her concerns about overspray. The neighbor changed their minds and not supporting Alice. Dutchess County doesn't have neighbor notification before spraying. Legislator Joel Tyner and supporting Legislator Micki Strawinski have tried without success to get it passed. The Legislators felt it was too cumbersome for the farmers to notify the neighbors.

The AOSC meets next week and *Linda Keeling* will add it to the agenda. *Chairman Guski* will attend.

*Karen Cadorette* said Angelo Schembari can do a discussion on the spread of drift. He is a certified arborist, knowledgeable and former science teacher.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Brenda Cagle made copies for all of a two page article entitled, "*Town Community Forestry Programs Why Have One? Who Can Help?*" by Andrew Hillman, NYS Urban Forestry Council

*Linda Keeling* asked about a Commemorative tree for Rosemarie Zengen. *Chairman Guski* said it will be done in the spring.

Some discussion focused on the use of St. Margaret's Home and grounds and the potential impact on the Commemorative plantings. *Linda Keeling* felt the proposed ice skating rink should go at the Rec Park's roller hockey area.

Trail Planner Brian Roberts, coordinator for Winnakee, will speak at the Regional Marist College Trail Conference on Sat. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am - 4 pm.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** *Eleanor Friery* motioned to adjourn the meeting, and *Karen Cadorette* seconded and all agreed. *Chairman Guski* adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

**Next Meeting:** We will meet on **Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary