

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: November 12, 2015

Attendance: Chairperson Nancy Guski, Karen Cadorette, Eleanor Friery, Drs. George (Hop) and Cathy Michael, Doug Traudt and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Dave Grover 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.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Nancy Guski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She handed out an agenda.

Minutes: There was a quorum. There were no additions or corrections.

Motion: *Eleanor Friery* motioned to accept the October 20th minutes, *Hop Michael* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tree Planting Comments Wed. 11/4: Chairman Guski thanked Doug Traudt for bringing his backhoe and Karen Cadorette for the use of her employee and truck and also thanked the Michaels. The trees were watered and are beautiful. It is good to know that we are taking care of the trees and not just walking away from them. Chairman Guski emailed Dave Kiskar thanking him for the beautiful trees he has been sending us.

2. Tree Workshop Comments 10/24: *Linda Keeling* and other Tree Commission members attended. She said there were about 15 people in attendance with many from Woodstock. It was a very good program overall which could be repeated. Angelo's slide show was just enough then he showed and explained the tools needed for trimming with a demonstration on one tree in the parking lot.

3. Glyphosate with AOSC 10/27: *Chairman Nancy Guski* spoke at the Ag and Open Space Committee. All members were very helpful in furthering her understanding of the application of the herbicide. John Hardeman commented that drift probably was not the case as it is applied very close to the ground by a licensed applicator through NYSDEC which is about a 5 year time period to get. *Doug Traudt* asked if there was any impact on ground water. Chairman Nancy Guski was not sure. The literature says it is suppose to dissipate quickly.

4. Tree City Application: No further status as Chairman Nancy Guski will submit it to NYSDEC before the due date of Dec. 31st.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Chairman: *Cathy Michael* has agreed to take over the position. Everyone was delighted. *Nancy Guski* will meet with her. Nancy suggested, at *Brenda Cagle's* suggestion, to increase the budget \$500 to allow the additional purchase of trees and mulch.

2. Forest Management Goals: *Chairman Guski* read from a paper she had on the Tree Commission's 14 goals which she felt we had accomplished. Everyone agreed that *Linda Keeling* would order the seedlings for March 31 as she packages them and she knows the seedling types the public desires.

There were many general discussions on trees, clear cutting, water pollution and grant writing.

There are 57.34 miles of roads, 116 lane miles and a population of 11,319. *Linda Keeling* noted that the college attendance is not counted so the population swells when in session.

Adjournment:

Motion: *Eleanor Friery* motioned to adjourn the meeting, and *Cathy Michael* seconded and all agreed. *Chairman Guski* adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Next Meeting: We will meet NOT meet in December.

Chairman Nancy Guski will be retiring from her position as chair for the last 8 years. The group gathered for a thank you gathering with food and gift celebration to honor *Nancy Guski's* enthusiasm and devotion to the Tree Commission and all the accomplishments under her leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

APPROVED January 19, 2016