

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: January 19, 2016

Attendance: Chairman Cathy Michael, Karen Cadorette, Dave Grover, Hop Michael and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Doug Traudt, Nancy Guski, Eleanor Friery 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 Cathy Michael called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. She handed out an agenda.

Note: There was no meeting in December.

Minutes: There was a quorum.

One typo: p. 1 item #3, line 2, change “is” to “in”.

Motion: *Dave Grover* motioned to accept the November 12, 2015 minutes as amended, *Karen Cadorette* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Budget Allowances for the Year: Supposedly we have a \$1500 budget for 2016. Linda read some of the figures she found online to give an idea of the past expenditures. We should have about \$154 in donations. That should be enough to cover the purchase of seedlings for Arbor Day. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will check with the Town Bookkeeper as to our status.

2. Discuss Tree Planting Observations of Unusual Winter Conditions: Members commented that the warm winter is causing some buds to form on some trees and shrubs but felt that most would make it through the winter. However, it might be a major problem for the local fruit farmers.

3. Begin Reviewing the Forestry Management Plan for Revisions: *Chairman Cathy Michael* had a copy of the FMP in hand. She suggested that everyone consult the town’s online copy and pick out some areas that might need updating for next month’s meeting. *Dave Grover* suggested putting the manual on a flash drive. *Linda Keeling* suggested talking with Town Clerk Sue McCann and she could refer it to the Computer Committee headed by Dick Wambach. Linda suggested that we accumulate a listing of where the trees have been planted already. Nancy Guski probably has that information. Over the 8 years we have planted about 700 trees. It was suggested to do a spread sheet listing the location, species and condition and whether it is a Commemorative tree. Some of the data information is cut off by a line so this might have to be rectified. The newer members analyzed the categories with the help of long time member *Karen Cadorette*.

4. Discussion of Arbor Day Celebration Plans: The actual Arbor Day is Friday, April 29th. We will have our celebration at town hall as usual on Saturday, April 30th. *Linda Keeling* will order the seedlings, pick them up and label them as usual. *Eleanor Friery* will bring her tent and *Linda* will bring two tables. She indicated she might have a few potted trees for donations. There was some discussion on where to plant some trees. *Cathy* and *Hop* will drive around near the new TND development. There will be a luncheon as usual at town hall for the workers. *Linda* reminded the group that NYS gave trees in the past and we should keep our ears open. *Hop* suggested the west end of Pitcher Lane which is looking very bad. We hope to order and plant at least 3 trees. *Karen Cadorette* noted that the price of trees has gone up tremendously to \$125.

5. Announcement: *Chairman Cathy Michael* got an email from *Karen Emmerick* regarding the Regional Meeting of ReLeaf to be held in New Paltz in July. DEC hosts the Arbor Day celebration in Albany annually. *Hop Michael* and *Cathy Michael* were impressed with the luncheon and activities there last year.

6. Discuss Other Designated Workdays/Activities (Forester George Profus / Angelo from Integral): The group considered doing a pruning day in the fall. *Hop Michael* still wants to trim the Rockefeller Lane oak trees so he will talk with *Norman Greig*. *Linda Keeling* reminded the group that if we planted the tree we have the right to trim them. *Karen Cadorette* mentioned the trees planted on Firehouse Lane during our first year and now they are very tall and healthy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree Commission Archives: *Chairman Cathy Michael* and *Linda Keeling* will go through *Nancy Guski's* supplies to sort out materials for distribution on Arbor Day.

2. Grant Possibilities: *Linda Keeling* sent two grants to the Chairman. The Fiskar Project is up to \$3500 due Feb 1, 2016 for tools and the GRO1000 Grassroots is for \$500 or \$1500 due Feb. 22, 2016 for a garden. *Linda Keeling* would like to see some flowering or edible plants at the dead end at Abrahams Park perhaps as a joint grant with the Village Tree group. It was felt that the deadlines were too soon. The Chairman thanked *Linda* for the information which she will file for possible consideration in the future. *Dave Grover* suggested a "Red Hook" plantdesign. *Linda Keeling* suggested St. Margaret's Home. Everyone felt it would be a maintenance headache so the idea was tabled.

Adjournment:

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

Chairman Cathy Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting: We will meet on **Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary

APPROVED 2/16/16