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Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: October 18, 2016

Attendance: Chairman Cathy Michael, Eleanor Friery, Doug Traudt, Dave Grover, Karen Cadorette, Hop Michael, and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Cody Hay and Town Council Liaison Sarah Imboden

Guest: Brent Kovalchik, Village Deputy Mayor Liaison

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 7:00 pm. She handed out an agenda.

Quote of the month: “Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower” by Albert Camus, 20th Century French philosopher and writer

Minutes: There was a quorum. Minor corrections to the September 20, 2016 minutes as follows:

p. 1: Under Minutes, line 5: eliminate “should be taken down by” to “near”. Under Old Business #1: line 3, add in “tatarain”.

p. 2: #2 line 5, change: Tripp” to “Trapp”. Line 11: change “Redosier” to “Red osier”. Under New Business #2, line 2 change “site involves” to “may involve”.

p. 3: #4 add in “to” before “dig”

Motion: *Eleanor Friery* motioned to accept the September 20, 2016 minutes with the corrections as amended, *Hop Michael* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Order: *Chairman Cathy Michael* said the trees have been ordered and will be delivered on Tuesday, 10/25/16, mid day to 3 pm, just before Rhinebeck trees are delivered. There will be 10 trees for the Tree Commission with additional orders for St. John’s Church, Integral, Village and Bard trees. The trees are bare root, double-dipped in plastic to avoid drying out before planting.

The tree planting and luncheon will be on Saturday, October 29th at 9:30 am. The Tree Commission will do the Upper Red Hook site. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will call Michele Decker about digging the holes. *Karen Cadorette* said she will bring small tools and Integral’s truck to water in the trees with fertilizer.

Linda Keeling has offered 3 potted shrubs and *Cathy* will get daffodil bulbs for the young Scouts to plant.

Hop Michael reported on the Upper Red Hook's site progress. He, *Dave Grover* and *Al Trezza* ground 4 stumps and removed and buried lots of rocks. It has been seeded. Highway Superintendent *Theresa Burke* was contacted about the stumps and there will be a small fee involved for the Highway Department's time which will be about \$50-\$60.

Karen Cadorette and *Hop Michael* will meet tomorrow and stake the tree locations. Dig will not be called again for the Barrytown location.

2. Update Town Building Planting Site: An email from *Linda Stoddard*, town administrative secretary, was received on behalf of Supervisor *Robert McKeon* about the tree planting for the picnic area at the town hall. Chairman *Cathy Michael* indicated next year as we had initial thoughts about interference with the solar panels, snow removal, and full size versus ornamental. There was no budget money to do it for this fall so we will make a decision in the spring.

Hop Michael talked with *Theresa Burke* about the size of the tree. It was agreed that a tall tree would not interfere with the solar panels and would provide shade for the picnic table.

3. Update Firehouse Productions site: *Hop Michael* asked *Theresa Burke* about *Firehouse Productions'* planting site and the town line. *Brent Kovalchik* said the town can plant in the Village but the Village can't plant in the town. It falls under the joint shared services. The Village might be willing to share some of the cost. We are looking at a spring planting. So *Firehouse Productions* would need to be contacted about receiving a couple of large specimens. The telephone wires are across the street on the east side. This would add immensely to the road going into the recycling center.

4. Update on Pruning (Rockefeller Lane, Rec Park, St. Margaret's Home site): *Hop Michael* reported that pruning was done to the Rec Park oaks. He will contact *Norman Greig* about the Rockefeller trees in November. He worked with *John Kuhn* at St. Margaret's Home site and focused on the small spruces. Some need culling due to disease. If we cut, Rec Park Director *John Kuhn* will take them away. This is a good winter project for around January.

5. Mulch Volcanoes: *Chairman Cathy Michael* spoke with *Brent Kovalchik* about the mulch volcanoes around the trees in Memorial Park. *Brent* indicated that the Village Highway staff forgets to not put the mulch up on the bark. He will remind them.

6. Michelle Decker Special Recognition: Everyone has been very appreciative of *Michelle Decker's* special talent digging holes for us over the last 13 years with her company's machinery. The members agreed she deserves a gift certificate for a lunch.

7. Mid-Hudson Forest Products (clear cutting in Linden Acres Development): *Eleanor Friery* initially brought up this topic as the land is located in her development near *Aspinwall Rd.* She could not update us and *Cody Hay* who is familiar with this business was absent. Members will look at the site if they can as it has been going on for about 3 months. Members think it might be done to clear the land for a future building site. It was noted that mature trees take up large volumes of water so the removals may affect drainage in the future.

8. Archives: *Chairman Cathy Michael* said this is on hold until a day can be set aside to work on the materials gathered over time by the former chairman, *Nancy Guski*.

9. Daffodils: *Chairman Cathy Michael* will purchase bags of bulbs at *Adams*. Hopefully, they will be on sale. *Doug Traudt* offered his 55 gallon container and truck for watering.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Planting Date & Work Crews:** Members will assemble at the Upper Red Hook site on Sat. Oct. 29th at 9:30 am to plant the trees and mulch them. The luncheon with the Village is at noon at the town hall. This year the Village will host the expenses for the feed.
- 2. Mulch:** *Karen Cadorette* noted we have always bought mulch at Agway. We get one bag of shredded cedar bark per tree. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will take care of this.
- 3. Cub Scouts:** *Chairman Cathy Michael* said about 3 or 4 young scouts will plant the potted bushes and bulbs with their parents attending. Another group contacted Cathy so they will help in the spring.
- 4. Triebel's Garage 100th Anniversary:** *Hop Michael* noted Triebel's Garage turns 100 years old this year. He felt we should plant a tree for them. *Linda Keeling* interjected that he should consult with them as the planting space in the front is limited and some businesses don't like to obstruct the view of their business. She suggested there might be space at the sides of the building out front. Hop will talk with them about our proposal.
- 5. Pocket Baskets:** *Dave Grover* showed an art activity that could be done for collecting leaves.
- 6. Feely Boxes:** *Linda Keeling* asked if anyone is starting the feely boxes. She reminded all to collect seeds now so they can be used in the spring.

Adjournment:

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

Chairman Cathy Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting: We will meet on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary