

Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission: Minutes for March 19, 2019

Attendance: Cathy Michael, Karen Cadorette, Eleanor Friery, Doug Traudt, Codie Hay and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: George (Hop) Michael, Dave Grover and Town Council Liaison Sarah Imboden

Guest: None

Location: Red Hook Town Hall

Purpose: Our regular monthly meeting is normally held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Town Hall.

Call to Order: There was a quorum (5 out of 7). *Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Chairman handed out an agenda.

Quote of the month: **“There is little in the architecture of a city that is more beautifully designed than a tree.” By Jaime Lerner**

Minutes: Corrections / Additions

1. Page 2: #6, L 3: eliminate “have of”

Motion: *Eleanor Friery* motioned to accept the minutes from Feb. 19, 2019 as corrected and *Karen Cadorette* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Manuals: *Chairman Cathy Michael* showed the new tree manuals which are made of high quality paper and contains colorized images. Everyone was very impressed with the quality of the booklets containing upgraded information. There will be 51 copies for distribution this Arbor Day but in limited quantities as to leave some for Apple Blossom Day and future events, as they cost nearly \$2.00 each.

Regarding tree cookies, 70 were presented to *Eleanor Friery*. She was very pleased with the size of the stamping area and smoothness. Others will be made in time for the event.

2. Stump Removal: *Chairman Cathy Michael* reported that *Hop Michael* contacted Beaver Stump Grinder. *Linda Keeling* reported that it took Beaver a good portion of the day to get the task done. New tree planting locations on Pitcher Lane (west) will be staked out in the group’s continued efforts to line the roadway with new trees.

3. Tree City Luncheon: Due to unforeseen circumstances the two members (Linda and Dave G.) could not attend this year. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will contact the regional forester to get our growth award box.

4. Arbor Day Preparation: Our Arbor Day Celebration will be Saturday, April 27th from 10-2 at the town hall front lawn. A sign will be put up one week prior to the event. *Linda Keeling* will be picking up

the seedlings on Friday, April 26th at the Millbrook Home and Farm Center. She will wrap and make labels for the 80 seedlings and bring some of the left-over potted plants from last year. *Eleanor Friery* will bring her tent and chairs, Linda will bring three tables, seedlings and display boards. *Chairman Michael* will bring the booklets, banner and other materials and games. *Codie Hay* will bring his climbing gear and answer questions from the public. The Red Hook Library will set up a table again. The Chairman will determine whose turn it is for the joint luncheon with Village Green. Trees will be planted in the morning as usual. The Supervisor will be contacted to sign the Proclamation and perhaps say a few words.

Eleanor Friery handed out the notice copy for the annual “Arbor Day Outreach Program” at the Mill Road Elementary School. The poster contest for K-2 and 3-5 are due in the school’s front office Friday, April 12th. The winners will be announced starting the week of April 27th and will be displayed and returned to the students after the Celebration. Classes are urged to visit the Nature Area, choose one or two trees to identify, draw and discuss. Guided walks on the Nature Trail will be available for all classes. For First Grade classes who read and discuss four books about trees, they will be eligible to have a Nature Trail discussion and a seedling planted with the children.

Eleanor Friery has again graciously offered to host a luncheon for Tree Commission members on Tuesday, April 23rd, at noon, at her house to select the poster winners. Winning posters will be on display at the town hall for two weeks.

5. Rotary: Rotary member, Barry Ramage, will be contacted to see if they want to continue to donate towards the planting. Rotary member, *Karen Cadorette*, indicated their budget allowances are low this year so they may not be able to donate as much as in the past. Members were very grateful for their past monetary donations (\$1,000 over two years) and their willingness to help plant trees. In turn it has helped our budget in acquiring more trees, shrubs, stakes, fertilizer, etc. Rotary would like a sign in recognition of their donations. The group felt any other place, aside from Pitcher Lane would be appropriate, like town hall, Recreation Park east or the new Recreation Park west.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Website, Tree Commission’s page: *Linda Keeling* said she left the information in her printer that she had sent previously to the Chairman. No discussion ensued at this time but will be addressed at a future meeting.

2. Hoffman Project, aka, Traditional Neighborhood plan: *Linda Keeling* noted that several changes have occurred to the submitted plan for the 102 housing project. There will be 27 street lights, a swimming pool with added landscaping, road surface changes which may affect the tree planting plan. Linda thinks we should look at the revised plan.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is suggested for **Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm** at the town hall. This is a change in our normally scheduled meeting date. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will confirm the new date with the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary