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Town of Red Hook

Tree Preservation Commission

Minutes: February 19, 2019

Attendance: Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Dave Grover, Karen Cadorette, Doug Traudt, Town Council Liaison Sarah Imboden and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Eleanor Friery and Codie Hay

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 7:03 pm. The Chairman handed out an agenda.

Quote of the month: **“The care of the earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all, our most pleasing responsibility.” Wendell Berry**

Minutes: Corrections / Additions

Page 1, #1, L 3: Chairman Cathy Michael suggested adding in “Integral and Kurkela” to clarify who got the checks.

Motion: *Karen Cadorette* motioned to accept the minutes from Dec. 18, 2018 as corrected and *Hop Michael* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Pitcher Lane:** *Hop Michael* noted *Codie Hay* sheared off the stump. Hop will call Beaver Stump to look at it sometime, give an estimate and grind out the remainder of the stump. When the weather is suitable, the brush will be removed and the area groomed to accept 5 more trees.
- 2. Spring Tree Order:** *Chairman Cathy Michael* said the spring tree order is due before March 1st. She will order 5 trees: London plane, maples and oak. A tree for St. John’s Church and two trees for Dave Grover will be paid separately to the town.
- 3. Tree Manual:** *Chairman Cathy Michael* will order 51 booklets for \$99.66. All agreed to this.
- 4. Mulch and Milorganite for Upper Red Hook Planting:** This will be ordered after the snow is gone.
- 5. Website Updates / Mission Statement:** *Chairman Cathy Michael* said she didn’t have time to look for the mission statement. *Linda Keeling* explained that the Forestry Management Plan which is on our webpage has a paragraph in it. She further explained that this manual has information on the size, health

and known trees and makes suggestions for future planting spots. The Chairman directed Linda to examine the website for further enhancements.

6. Arbor Day Prep / wooden cookies: *Chairman Cathy Michael* noted we have not heard about the luncheon celebration in Albany. She will inquire. *Hop Michael* has about 30 wooden cookies done. Doug Traudt will also do have of the 300 suggested.

7. Pruning Update: *Hop Michael* reported there are no recent updates. The Red Church grounds will be addressed later in the spring in April or May.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Set Date for Arbor Day Celebration: The actual date falls on Friday, April 26 but we will be celebrating it on Saturday, April 27th at town hall. *Linda Keeling* asked if we host the event with the village this year. The *Chairman* will contact Brent Kovalchik about it.

2. Tree Seedling Order: *Linda Keeling* ordered 80 seedlings for \$148 which she paid with her credit card. They will include: Native Paper Birch, (NEW) Sweet Gum, White flowering dogwood, American Cranberry, Blackberry (Darrow), Elderberry, Raspberry (Heritage red) and Balsam Fir (5 yrs old).

3. Rotary Check: *Linda Keeling* asked the *Chairman* if we had received their check for the last planting. She said it was in her town mailbox. *Karen Cadorette* will ask Rotary if they want to plant more trees. They have donated \$1,000 trees to date for 10 trees.

4. Budget: The *Chairman* talked with Ann Conway, bookkeeper, about our budget which is \$2500 and the extra donation money. She referenced we do have the extra money from last year, too.

5. Tree Selection: *Chairman Cathy Michael* spoke about a medium shade tree *Acer myobia*. There was some discussion about the possibility of the dairy farm on the west side of Route 9 wanting some trees. *Linda Keeling* mentioned that maybe we can get some trees free from NYSDOT like we did previously for Rt. 9. *Hop Michael* will check into this. All felt the past removal of the large trees in front of the house makes the house stick out too much now. Trees would help soften the look and provide shade.

Adjournment: There being no more new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Members stayed longer to talk about tree specimens that might do well for the St. John's area as well as a location for the already paid for Garden Club Memorial Tree. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will present two locations for the Garden Club to choose from at their meeting location at St. John's church, along Starbarrack or behind the parking lot. She will take pictures of the potential locations and make a presentation to the group for a fall planting.

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

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is confirmed for **Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm** at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary