

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes for May 21, 2019
Approved 6/19/19

Attendance: Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Dave Grover, Doug Traudt, and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Eleanor Friery, Karen Cadorette, Codie Hay 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 (4 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: “A tree’s wood is also its memoir.” by Hope Jahren

Minutes: Corrections / Additions

1. Page 1: Ph.1, L 2: Add “ly” to “annual”.
2. P.1, Ph 3, L 2: add after left “for the Pitcher Lane project”.
3. P.1, Ph.3, L 4: after contact add: “for permission to do this”.
4. P.1, Ph 3, Ph 2, L1: add “the” after reporter, add “was” after luncheon
5. P.2, Ph 1: Period after school, capitalize although.
6. P. 2, Ph 4: change the word order to “fall planting luncheon”.
7. P.2 New Business, #1 after reported change “the” to “one”.
8. P.2 Next Meeting: Change date from “17” to “21”

Motion: *Doug Traudt* motioned to accept the minutes from May as corrected, *Hop Michael* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree City: The 13 year stickers were installed on the four signs leading into the town.

2. Arbor Day Follow-up: Michelle Decker dug 5 holes on Pitcher Lane. *Chairman Cathy Michael Hop Michael* took Michelle Decker out to lunch in appreciation of her continued support. Five trees were planted on Pitcher Lane. A thank you card was sent to the Rotary Club for their continued financial and volunteer support.

3. Town’s Tree Commission’s Website Page: New photos were submitted and a thank you was sent to Ben at Village Pizza. *Hop Michael* also thanked Ben in person.

4. New Signs: *Chairman Cathy Michael* said they were not ordered now but will be ordered in the fall.

5. Pitcher Lane Ailanthus Trees: *Hop Michael* said Ken Migliorelli had the trees cut down, removed and treated. Everyone was pleased with this.

6. Old Projects: *Hop Michael* said he mowed the Devereaux and Pitcher Lane strips. Everyone is very appreciative of Hop using his mower, gasoline and time involved in doing this. He noted that the hot wing maples on the north side (Rt.9) are doing better and progressively better further on the south side of this roadway. The Hawthorn is doing well. He will apply a 10/10/10 fertilizer at the proper time. We still need to add mulch after the daffodil leaves die back.

NEW BUSINESS

1. London Plane Tree: This tree appears to be dead. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will call to see if we can get a replacement or money back. We will need about 10 bags of mulch for the fall.

2. Request for Trees between Rhinebeck Bank and the Town Hall Building: During the Appleblossom Day Festival, Theresa Burke suggested **there's** enough room to put trees between the bank and Town hall property. *Hop Michael* will speak with the bank representative, Dan Elberg who does the grounds work. There are some wires on South Broadway so perhaps we can get a shorter tree on the west and two taller ones on the right. The group will look at the site and Theresa wants to be part of this. *Linda Keeling* noted that a pathway is needed between the two parking lots. She suggested a bridge type pathway with side rails. It would be safer and less exhausting for a wheelchair user than going into the bank's entrance road to the sidewalk then onto the town hall's entrance roadway. Hop will handle all the details.

Other issues: *Doug Traudt* was concerned about people throwing lit cigarette butts onto the roadways and standing trucks and buses running their diesel engines polluting the air.

3. Red Hook Alumni: *Hop Michael* said the Alumni cleaned up Rt. 9 and Old Post Rd. south. They collected 10 bags of trash.

4. Fall Planting Pitcher Lane: There's room for 2 trees on the south side and 1 to 2 on the north side. Money will be needed to drop the maple tree. Perhaps some trees can be planted in Rec Park East after the playground renovation is done.

5. Budget: *Linda Keeling* asked *Chairman Cathy Michael* to check on our finances for the next meeting so we can plan out our expenditures.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is suggested for **Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm** at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary