

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes: August 21, 2018
Approved 9-18-18

Attendance: Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Eleanor Friery and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Karen Cadorette, Dave Grover, Codie Hay, Doug Traudt 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 not a quorum (3 out of 7). *Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Chairman handed out an agenda.

Quote of the month: **“Whenever you feel dispirited, weary, or down, simply look up to the trees and you’ll feel better. Love a tree today because trees are keeping us and the planet alive.”**

Minutes: The following minor corrections for July 17, 2018 were noted:

1. P. 1, #1, L 2: “water” to “watered” and L 4: change to “on several trees and so plastic wraps were put on the trees.”
2. P. 2, #6: add “s” to “leave”. L 3: remove “Frank’s”. L 6: change “They” to “The neighbors”
3. P. 2, #7, L 1: Change “next month” to “October”
4. P.3, L 1: Add an “s” to “crabapple”.

Note: Due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes from July could not be approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hardscrabble Day, Sat. September 15, 2018: *Chairman Cathy Michael* received the information for the event. Members discussed our participation. It was decided it was not worth the investment in time and energy for the amount of people attracted to our table especially since we were moved to West Market Street. It was agreed that our time would be better spent planting and trimming trees.

2. Red Church: *Hop Michael* talked with John Kuhn and they walked the property. Many gravesites were found with mulberry and overgrown forsythia. There were many cedar trees. Dave and Hop in July limbed a heavy branch over the shed that the town intends to preserve. John Kuhn also had some questions about some overgrown shrubs by the snack bar. It was decided it would look better if they

were removed. Hop said behind the snack bar there is a very old, beat-up Norway maple. It was suggested to remove it and then in the future replace it with a better tree species.

3. Fall Planting: Five trees donated by Rotary will be planted on Pitcher Lane: one London Plane, two maples (autumn blaze) and two oaks (bicolor rubrum). *Hop Michael* talked with John Conway again and he was excited to have a tree planted for the 40th Anniversary of his business on the south side of his property.

4. Rec Park: We still didn't replace the dogwood. The tree company was not encouraging as the dogwoods Schichtel's have are low branching and not very good. There was some confusion as to whether or not it is a Memorial tree in which case it should be replaced. We need to research it if it was for someone.

5. Paula Schoonmaker: She will tag onto our order and pay separately for a Prunus accolade for her property. It gets to be about 20 ft. by 20 ft.

6. Tree Owner's Manual: They are not free. Chairman Cathy Michael will continue to work on it. The newer version contains information about insect damage.

7. Melissa Levy: She will not be able to participate as a new member due to her health issues. Eleanor Friery said a new neighbor (wife, Sherry Monaco). The husband was on the Rhinebeck Tree Commission. He has an interest in our group.

8. New Website, Tree Commission Page: *Chairman Cathy Michael* received information from *Councilperson Sarah Imboden* regarding creating our own page. We discussed what items we'd like on the page and pictures (Introduction / History, Forestry Management Manual of 2013, Street Inventory, Trees for Tribes Program, Trees Planted, Memorial Tree Program, Local Law 2008, etc.). No one was interested in managing the webpage so Sarah volunteered to do it.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Adjournment: 7:55 pm

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

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is confirmed for **Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm** at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary