

Town of Red Hook
Tree Preservation Commission
Minutes for December 17, 2019
APPROVED 1/21/20

Attendance: Chairman Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Dave Grover, Karen Cadorette, Eleanor Friery, and Linda Keeling, secretary

Absent: Doug Traudt, 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. Note: Our regularly scheduled date was cancelled and rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions.

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: **“When one sees the tree in leaf, one thinks the beauty of the tree is in its leaves, and then one sees the bare tree.”** By Sarah Brana Barak

Minutes: November 19, 2019 Corrections / Additions

1. P. 1, #1, L2: Change spelling “Sassy” to “Sassi”
2. P. 1, #3, L2: Add “The driver for”
3. P. 2, #1, L2: Change “month” to “year”

Motion: *Karen Cadorette* motioned to accept the minutes from October as corrected, *Dave Grover* seconded, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Round-up Follow Up: *Chairman Cathy Michael* did not contact the CAC and the DCEMC. She will do this next month as it is a busy time of the year.

2. Grant: The Chairman deferred to *Linda Keeling*. Our small group met 4 times in 25 days with the application sent in electronically by the Town’s engineer, Brandee Nelson, before Thanksgiving in order to give us an edge over any competition with identical points. We put in for 30-40 trees for \$50,000 to be planted by the subcontractor. We had to go on the advice of the engineer as neither the Chairman or I had walked the property and she was more familiar with the project. *Karen Cadorette* commented the Village of Red Hook Village Green had to hire a grant writer.

3. Book Order: *Eleanor Friery* said she ordered the books. They were a little over what she was allowed. It amounted to \$340.40. Everyone was fine with the expense as we always seem to give out lots of books for the poster contest when there is a tie or there are several workers on one submission. Any left-over books can be used the following year.

4. Red Church Pruning: *Hop Michael* said it is done. He completed it last week for the 22-24 varying height trees. It took him 3 days at 3 hours each day. He showed a photo of a spot that is part of St. Sylvia's in the back and was in need of reparations as pointed out by John Kuhn. Under the cedar tree are stones and overgrowth of lilac bushes. The tree has some broken branches. *Dave Grover* suggested contacting St. Sylvia for permission to do the work. Hop noted John Kuhn's team has been doing an exceptional job in keeping the Red Church grounds mowed and repaired the door to the small shed. We all appreciated Hop's continued work efforts along with the cooperation with the Rec Park Director and staff.

5. Tree City Application: *Chairman Cathy Michael* explained the difficulties of completing the application this year. The website had been changed by DEC and therefore last year's information was not available. She had to contact DEC many times and finally they were able to fix the problem. Cathy still had to find the old Resolution from 2007-8, copy and scan it in. The application was sent in last week. She hasn't heard back from them about any missing parts which is a good sign.

6. Tree Removal Pitcher Lane: *Karen Cadorette* will get in touch with *Codie Hay* about taking down the tree on the north side of Pitcher Lane. *Hop Michael* said Ken Migliorelli is anxious for the wood. *Chairman Cathy Michael* indicated we have between \$700 and \$800 for this project from our budget. She will contact Bookkeeper Ann Conway as to what is the best way to ensure use and payment.

7. Tree Pruning, Rockefeller Lane: *Hop Michael* talked with Ken Migliorelli about limbing up the oak trees. Hop called Norman Greig. Hop inquired about the south side. Norman stated he doesn't own this. It is the dairy on Rt. 9 that is owned by Van Lamprou. Hop called him and he was thrilled to have the work start immediately and included the dozen or so red oaks toward Mill Rd. Elementary School as it would not cost him anything.

Dave Grover asked about our budget for next year. *Chairman Cathy Michael* believes it will be the same \$2500 but she has not received confirmation from the Town Board so far.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Spring 2020 Tree Order: *Chairman Cathy Michael* announced Jim Kiskar stated the spring catalogue is available online. She will send the link to all.

2. Other: *Linda Keeling* feels one more tree could go in on the southwest corner of Pitcher Lane. Hop will check it out. Linda noted the meeting for the 17th was not cancelled on the town's website. She also noticed she recently got a DEC email about seedling orders available. She will send the link to all. Everyone read the Spotted Lanternfly article and commented it is another invasive we need to be concerned about.

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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary