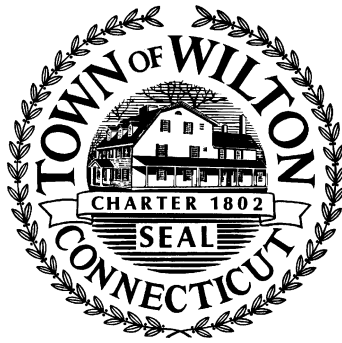


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## **WILTON TREE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

### **Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jackie Algon, Suzanne Knutson, Wayne Gura and Kimberley Young

Excused: Peggy Van Acker; also absent: Lars Cherichetti

- I. J. Algon called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – There was not a quorum, so minutes were not approved.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT – L. Cherichetti was unable to attend so discussion was tabled.
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

W. Gura suggested that we abandon this project because software programs are too expensive for the committee. Danica Doroski, the Urban Forestry Coordinator for the State has applied for a grant to develop a database using GIS to track the States' trees. We will continue to follow this and hopefully can ensure that specifications are included that would be helpful for our work with Wilton trees. W. Gura will reach out to Doroski again and explore collaborating with DEEP on this project.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Arbor Day Event Planning – The event will be Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. At 5:00 p.m. S. Knutson has ordered the three trees from Copia and has arranged for them to be planted next week. The trees are slightly smaller than what we initially wanted, but the total cost for purchase and installation is a good price, ~\$1100. The invoice has been sent to Liz Larkin to prepare Purchase Order(s). J. Algon will continue to organize the celebration and will also send letters out to the two Arbor Day Award recipients and put out a press release.
- 2. Reports from Subcommittees – none

3. Tree plantings in open spaces – A Wilton resident has donated \$1000 to purchase trees. M. Conklin and Z. Herter purchased 100 white pine saplings which will be planted on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bradley Park. Conservation Commission and Tree Committee members will help to coordinate volunteers, including school children to help with the tree planting. If successful, the donor indicated an interest in continuing to fund this project in the future.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS – none

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

1. Next Newsletter – Plans will be discussed at the October meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN – W. Gura motioned, and S. Knutson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:46, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by K. Young 9/13/21