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WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

Thursday October 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jackie Algon, Suzanne Knutson, Wayne Gura, Peggy Van Acker and Kimberley Young
Absent: Lars Cherichetti

- I. J. Algon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved. W. Gura moved and S. Knutson seconded.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT – L. Cherichetti was unable to attend so discussion was tabled.
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS – W.Gura has corresponded with Danica Dorski of Connecticut State Trees concerning their spreadsheet. They are unable to share their system and have recommended that we apply for a grant through the America the Beautiful Grant Program.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Arbor Day Event Planning – The event will be Wednesday, October 20th at 3:00 p.m. where Lynn Van der Slice will read a proclamation. J. Algon will contact Sarah Geoffery to send a notice out to Wilton 411. J. Algon will meet P. Van Acker at 2:00 pm to set up. Three trees have been planted by Copia and a fourth will be ordered and planted at the library this weekend for the event. The trees include a Black Tupelo, planted for Nick Lee behind the Bank of America building, a Pink Dogwood for a friend of Alton Jones planted in the southwest corner of the Town Green and a White Oak for Elizabeth Craig, planted at Merwin Meadows by the playground. The fourth will be a Red Bud to honor a Wilton High School alumni and will be planted at the Wilton Library. We will need to monitor watering of these trees and shrubs. Water bags have been placed on two of the trees and a third will be put on the white oak at Merwin Meadows. The Wilton Library will be asked to be responsible for watering the red bud. We hope to streamline the purchasing process with the Town. The Tree Committee agreed to have a \$500 shrub

donation available along with the \$1000 tree donation. W. Gura will check on the brochure and help with this update.

2. Reports from Subcommittees – none

3. Status of Ordinance concepts for Wilton –The ordinance for tree planting looks fine and was passed by the committee with S. Knutson motion and W. Gura second. It will now be sent for legal review. J. Algon will have final copies sent to the Board of Selectmen, Mike Conklin, L. Cherichetti, Steve Pierce , legal and the Department of Public Works for review.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS – none

VII. ADJOURN – W. Gura motioned ,and S. Knutson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted by K. Young 10/15/21