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## WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

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

### Meeting Minutes

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

- I. J. Algon called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the November 10, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved after amended for the 5:00 start time. S. Knutson moved and W. Gura seconded.
- III. TREE WARDEN REPORT – L. Cherichetti was unable to attend so discussion was tabled.
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS
  1. The Donation Program Brochure will be ready for distribution after discussions with the First Selectwoman, M. Conklin, M. Wrinn and F. Smeriglio on Friday, 10 Dec.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  1. 2022 Election of Officers – J. Algon was re-elected chair for the coming year.. W. Gura moved and K. Young seconded.
  2. 2022 Meeting Schedule – The meetings will continue to be the second Wednesday of each month except in August, when there is no meeting.
  3. Reports from Subcommittees - none
  4. Status of Ordinance concepts for Wilton – The ordinance was sent to Lars Cherichetti, Frank Smeriglio, Michael Wrinn, Mike Conklin, Ira Bloom, Steve Pierce and Lynn Van der Slice requesting comments. The town attorney, Ira Bloom has provided comments to L. VanderSlice. They will meet with J. Algon on Friday for discussion prior to finalizing the draft and sending to the BOS for review/approval.

5. Tree Plantings for 2021 – P. Van Acker planted the Amelanchier by the footbridge along River Road. M. Conklin requested that the tree be moved because of watering needs. The Tree Committee members decided that the tree will get significant water and would be very difficult to move and strongly recommended it stay in its current location.
6. There was also a discussion about the fact that condos along River Road own some of the property adjacent to the river across from their housing locations. We need to coordinate with them for invasive removal and subsequent plantings.
7. The Town Conservation Committee is working on an ordinance for municipal properties to plant native species.
8. A discussion was held on the need to streamline the payment for new shrub and tree plantings. M. Conklin will be establishing two accounts: one with Planters' Choice and another within the Town of Wilton for tree donations including maintenance monies (Tree Planting Fund). We will request the Town provide a monthly accounting of the Tree Committee planting fund. S Knutson will create an Excel spreadsheet and P. Van Acker will keep it updated. We also need to coordinate help with planting and watering donated trees, and recommend hiring Spencer Moore to water weekly in Spring and Summer.

VI. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS - none

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY – This was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN – W. Gura motioned and S. Knutson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted by K. Young 12/9/21