

# **Middletown Tree Commission**

**July 28, 2011**

## **Minutes**

**Attending: Paul LaMond, Bill DiMarco, Bob Johnson, and Karen Day**

### **Finances:**

- **America-the-Beautiful Grant was awarded to us for the total amount (\$3,600). We will need to plant trees in order to satisfy the requirements of the grant.**
- **Town awarded us \$7,500 and usually presents the check in September or October.**

### **Old Business:**

- **Dig Safe has checked the location of the tree on Windham Hill and TJ Brown had the tree but it was not planted because of the heat. The location was marked but there is concern about planting it in August. Perhaps we should wait until the Fall.**
- **The tree on Simmons Terrace appeared stressed but seems to be coming back. It will be necessary to continue to monitor it.**
- **Tom emailed Ed Collins about the trees moved at Aquidneck School. As of this meeting, no new trees have been planted. Paul will contact him with a copy of the Tree Ordinance and ask when we can expect the trees to be replaced.**
- **We have not yet received any landscaping plan for the renovations of the Saccucci Dealership. We will check with BJ, a member of the**

**Planning Commission, about the progress.**

**New Business:**

- **A beech tree behind the Library had to be removed because of disease. A discussion followed about the possibility of replacing the tree. We could split the cost with the library. Some Library Trustees are concerned about replacing the tree if the reconstruction of the Coddington Highway will cause a disruption of the area. Others would like to plant it now as the reconstruction may take years. The members of the Commission will continue the discussion at the next meeting.**
- **A suggestion was made that the Middletown Tree Commission meet with the Newport Tree Commission to discuss how they deal with the removal of signature trees.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen Day**