

Minutes

Middletown Tree Commission

April 26, 2012

Attending: Alan Kirby, Paul LaMond, Bill DiMarco, BJ Northup-Owen, and Karen Day

Financial

- We have requested \$7500 for the Civic Appropriation section of the Town Budget. We think that it will be addressed at a April 30th meeting.**
- We have requested \$8,000 from the Van Beuren Charitable Trust. The application will be submitted before May 1st and the trust will meet in May to make grant awards. We should be notified if we will receive a grant by the end of the May.**

Old Business

- We and the Island Drive Homeowners' Association have agreed to share the cost (\$300 per tree each) to plant 5 trees. The locations have been staked and Dig Safe will come next week. Sam Kinder & Brothers, Inc. will plant those trees. In addition, the mother-in-law of Mason Hawes lost a large maple and we have agreed to replace the tree. Kinder will plant that tree at the same time.**
- Alan, Tom, and Paul looked at the Beacon Street area and agreed**

trees would improve the area. Alan suggested Tree Lilac. Tom contacted Sam Kinder about cleaning out the area of the scrub maples currently there and planting 9 trees.

- Bill will work on the rewording of the Town Tree Ordinance and share with the members. We continue the discussion at our next meeting.

New Business:

- Bill suggested, after touring the Beacon Street, that we concentrate our planting efforts in areas of town which may be in need of aesthetic improvement. The members agreed. It was suggested we bring a list of the areas we feel need improvement to the next meeting. Some suggestions shared at this meeting were

- o Beacon Street

- o Oxbow

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Day, Secretary