

Minutes Middletown Tree Commission

May 31, 2012

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

Finances:

- **Currently have approximately \$15,000. Kinder and Largess have finished the maintenance program and have been paid. The cost was \$3008 which was within our budget.**
- **The America-the-Beautiful Grant will be announced later today. We were told our application looked good so we are hoping we will receive good news.**
- **The Town has included \$7500 as a line item for the next budget year.**
- **Due to a technical problem with some of our attachments, our application to the van Beuren Trust will need to be resubmitted in the Fall. Paul will meet with representatives in June to discuss our next step.**

Old Business:

- **The Tree Incentive Program is going well. At the next meeting, we will review the numbers and decide when we will need to cut off the program.**

- **6 trees have been planted on Island Drive and Kinder will finish planting trees on Beacon Street. In addition, a homeowner requested a tree on Paradise Ave. and that has been planted.**
- **Discussion was held on a potential change in the Tree Ordinance has it is now written. The new wording:**
 - o **Whenever possible, public shade trees shall be planted within the public way and when not possible, within 20 feet on private land with the property owner's consent. After planting, the tree becomes the property of the land owner. The Tree Commission shall provide information on the care and maintenance of the tree.**

New Business

- **Bob Johnson mulched all the trees on Berkley Ave.**
- **Discussion for possible locations for planting to increase the beauty of the area were held. The included**
 - o **Oxbow**
 - o **Forest Avenue**
 - o **The Marshall Lane area.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Karen Day, Secretary**