

## **Minutes**

### **Middletown Tree Commission**

**June 28, 2012**

**Attending: Paul LaMond, Alan Kirby, BJ Northup-Owen, Bill DiMarco, Bob Johnson, and Karen Day. Also attending Theresa Santos and Bill Netterman from the Middletown Historical Society.**

#### **Old Business:**

- **We will receive \$3000 from America-the-Beautiful Grant for tree planting.**
- **The procedure for reworking the wording for the Tree Ordinance requires a letter to be written to the Town Planner. Bill will write the letter and pass it out to the members.**
- **Tree Maintenance Program**
  - o **Largess trimmed a large linden and the homeowner is concerned. Alan agrees and suggested we plant another linden in a nearby location in case this tree does not do well.**
- **Tree Planting Locations:**
  - o **Sunset Drive off Maple Avenue could use additional trees.**
  - o **A new house was built on Wyatt Rd. near East Main Road and the owner would like a tree.**
  - o **Near Paradise Avenue and Green End, a homeowner on Prospect Avenue had planted a tree won in our tree lottery but it has died.**

**They would like to replace the tree.**

**o West View Road**

**o A Bradford tree came down at 23 Windham Hill Road. Bob will talk to the owners about the potential to plant another species.**

**o Island Drive has space for more plantings.**

**o The opposite side of Beacon Street from the recent planting.**

### **New Business**

**• Theresa Santos spoke to the Commission about the desire of the Historical Society to cut a stand of trees on the property on which the Society would like to build a War Memorial. The Commission has some concerns because the trees are not diseased and have some connection to the Town's agricultural nursery past. The Society would give the Commission permission to plant other trees inside the wall on the side of the property. Right now, there is no specific plan for the Memorial but the Society hopes to begin fund raising soon. The Commission would like to see if there would be any way to create a plan that would save the trees. We realize, however, if the land is private land, the Society can do what they wish. Mr. Netterman spoke briefly, also. No decision was made.**

**It was decided to have no meeting in July as there were no current projects. The next meeting will be on August 30th.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen Day, Secretary**