

# **Middletown Tree Commission**

## **Minutes**

**August 30, 2012**

**Attending: Paul LaMond, Alan Kirby, Bob Johnson, BJ Northup-Owen, Karen Day, and Tom O'Loughlin**

### **Finances:**

- **Paul reviewed expenditures including Tree Maintenance \$3, 009 (\$3000 budgeted); Tree Planting Initiative \$3915 (\$5000 budgeted including \$4000 from our Van Beuren Trust Grant) and Planting \$9635 (\$10,000 budgeted).**
- **Currently we have \$16,000 in the bank which includes \$7500 from the Town and \$1500 from the Homeowners Association on Island Drive. We should have enough to continue our current programs.**
- **We have submitted a request for a grant from the Van Beuren Charitable Trust again. Paul will be meeting with a representative soon.**

### **Old Business:**

- **Bill has written a letter to Ron Wolanski about potential changes in the wording for the Tree Ordinance. We reviewed the letter and it was decided we would send it and request the change.**
- **The homeowner with the overly trimmed linden has agreed to have**

**another linden planted in case the original linden does not survive.**

**• Fall Planting location possibilities:**

**o Linden (replacement) on Carriage Drive off Valley Road**

**o Wyatt Road a maple which TJ Brown already has**

**o Bailey Terrace and Bailey / Paul Avenue could use dogwood already at the Brown site at 7-11**

**o Paradise Avenue**

**o West View Road**

**o 23 Windham Hill Road to replace a pear tree. The homeowner says we can select the species. Alan will review possibilities.**

**o South and North Drive could use 2-4 trees but some homeowners do not want the trees that have been removed to be replaced.**

**o Island Drive although Dick Adams (Homeowners Association President) says some owners are not enthusiastic.**

**o Forest Avenue (near Jestings) a large branch broke from a tree and the tree had to be removed. In addition, a tree nearby has been hit and may need to be replaced.**

**o Beacon Street requires stumps to be removed and an additional 3-4 trees to continue our planting in the area (lilac trees).**

**o Berkley Avenue to replace a purple plum hit by a car.**

**o Roy Street/Jean/Judith/Ruth area could use some smaller trees as the houses are smaller.**

**o Renefrew Park could use trees in the large circular area. Alan will talk with a client who lives in the area about who might speak with about the possibility.**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:30.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen Day, Secretary.**