

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the April 30, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Day at 3:00 in the Middletown Library Conference Room.

Those attending were: Karen Day, Bill DiMarco, Chuck DiTucci, Allan Kirby, BJ Northrup-Owen and Tom O'Loughlin

Finances:

There is approximately \$18,500 in the checking account.

1. Old Business:

- Tree maintenance
 - Sam Kinder has been paid approximately \$3,600 for tree maintenance
 - TJ Brown has been paid approximately \$700 for tree maintenance
 - We haven't yet been billed for cherry tree fertilization by Atlantic Lawn and Garden.
 - Tom's people have to remove 5 damaged pear trees on Island Drive
- Tree planting
 - Shawn has agreed to fund the entire Forest avenue tree planting program.
 - The final list of tree planning species and locations was reviewed
 - TJ Brown has been notified about his award to plant 4 trees. He had some concerns about the mountain ash for the library. Karen put him in touch with the library personnel.
 - Sam Kinder has been given the details wrt his 30 tree planting award. Tom and Sam Kinder must co-ordinate wrt stump removal in some of those areas.

2. New Business.

- Our tree incentive program has begun. As in past years, it is budgeted for \$5k= 100 trees at \$50 per tree. Last year 97 trees were purchased by residents via this program.
- The Tree Commission has been awarded \$8k by the Van Buren Trust for next year.
- The commission reviewed the landscaping plans for a new TD bank building on West Main Road. No major problems were found and comments were forwarded to the town planning board
- The commission reviewed the landscaping plans for the Cumberland Farm re-development on Aquidneck Ave. No major problems were found and comments were forwarded to the town planning board
- The Newport Tree Society has been award a grant for the purchase of Open Tree Map. The plan to share this tree SW with Middletown and Portsmouth. The grant is enough for three years of usage of this application.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary