

Middletown Tree Commission

Minutes

December 3, 2015

Attending: Karen Day, Alan Kirby, BJ Northup-Owen, Chuck DiTucci

Finances:

Currently \$19,979.31 in the account.

Karen has completed the America the Beautiful grant application for 2016-2017. The coordinator of the grant has asked to meet with Karen about Middletown becoming a Tree City USA. She will be arranging a meeting to see what is involved.

We have been invited to apply for a grant from the van Beuren Charitable Foundation with an early application process. Karen will complete the grant application.

Old Business:

Town Center walkways have been approved by DEM and the Town Council.

Fines and reparations from the Valley Rd. tree removal will be designated for the Tree Commission. They should be paid to the Town in 2 installments, Dec. 31st, and March 31, 2015.

We will develop policies and procedures for the removal of public trees with the Public Works Director and review them at our January 7, 2015. Chuck will look at the procedures used by the Historical Society for their stone walls protection to see what might pertain to us. Karen will work on criteria for removing trees. They will share

with the group and we should have a working model to review by January.

We added 4 locations requiring maintenance to our list. It now includes:

maples on Unity Drive

cherries on Gaudet property

29 pears on Turner Rd.

3 oaks on Brown's Ln. (right side)

5 oaks outside the wall near Wanumetonomy Golf Club

5 oaks outside the wall at Demery Park and 1 Norway maple outside the wall and 1 Norway maple inside the wall.

Reviewed planting locations including homeowner requests and locations we have identified.

Ron reports the developer of the Prospect Avenue development (Goldstein) are working on plans to protect the American Beech tree. Alan has talked with the arborist retained by the developer and they are planning to present their plan to the Planning Board on December 9th.

Karen had contacted Jack Kane about any new landscaping plans submitted by the developer of the Sandpiper Cottage project. He said there has been no plans submitted at this time but will see that we receive them as soon as they are presented.

Please note: Our next meeting will be on January 7, 2015 at 3:00 at the library.

**Respectfully submitted,
Karen Day, Chairperson**