

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the February 25, 2016 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, Alan Kirby, BJ Northup-Owen and Tom O'loughlin.

1. Finances:

- There is approximately \$27,900 in the checking account.

2. Old Business:

- We have been awarded a \$2k grant from the America-the-Beautiful Program. It requires a \$3k match. For next year, they are requesting a 5 year maintenance plan with our proposal.
- Bids were awarded for tree maintenance to Sam Kinder and North-Eastern Tree Services. Two projects were given to North-Eastern, and three were awarded to Kinder. The total amount is approximately \$5.1k.
- The policy and related form for the removal or pruning of public trees have been posted on inactive web pages. The web pages were review and accepted at the meeting. We are waiting for town approval to activate the pages.
- Our submitted yearend report to the van Buren Charitable foundation has been accepted by them.
- Town Center
 - We discussed moving a few trees for the Town Center parking lot.
 - A few minor changes requested by DEM were made and the new plans were submitted to them. The glacier is moving.

- Tree locations and species based on recommendations from Alan were discussed.
- Sandpiper cottages
 - An email from Jack Kane, the building inspector, indicated that the developer said that trees that were removed were diseased. Jack is expecting a new landscaping plan.

3. New business

- Plans for The Middle Creek housing development were reviewed. Most of this development is in Portsmouth, and that town will be the main reviewer of this application process. We approved the landscaping plans for the small portion of the development that resides in our town.
- A laptop with an internet connection was used to provide satellite views of the town. It was decided to utilize this facility at future meetings.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary