

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the March 31, 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, Alan Kirby, and BJ Northup-Owen.

1. Finances:

There is approximately \$25,100 in the checking account.

- Does not include money from the imposed tree cutting fine
- Does not include the America the Beautiful grant
- Sam Kinder has been paid \$2,847 for most of the maintenance. He has one more project to complete.
- North-Eastern has not billed us nor has completed its work.

2. Old Business:

- The Town Center Project has been approved by DEM!!
 - Several trees were moved by the town to make way for a parking lot at the site.
 - Karen to get in touch with Charlie Silvia with regards to the \$5.7k offered gift from the former Newport Horticultural Society.
 - Alan is working to complete the planting plan
 - Upon completion, a purchase plan will be presented to Shawn.

3. New business

- The Van Buren Foundation asked about our new tree survival rate and requested a maintenance plan.
 - Karen did a calculation that implied that it was greater than 85%. Alan suggested that it may be better than that.
- BJ suggested that we take before and after pictures of new tree planting. The suggestion was approved.
- Three bids were received for this year's tree planting program budgeted for \$9.5k.
 - The bids were opened. TJ Brown and Sam Kinder were selected.
 - It was decided to exceed the budget, using the tree cutting fine money.
 - The West Main road car museum facility will be contacted by Karen WRT larger trees.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary