

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the April 28, 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, Tom O'Loughlin, Ron Wolaski and BJ Northup-Owen.

1. Finances:

There is approximately \$23,100 in the checking account.

- Does not include money from the imposed tree cutting fine
- Sam Kinder has been paid \$1,984 for his last project.
- North-Eastern has not billed us yet.

2. Old Business:

- Tree Planting for this year
 - Sam Kinder was pleased and accepted the award
 - He will also replace two sick trees from last year's planting, and wants to wait on a third to see if it will recover
 - We have not heard from T J Brown about his award.
- Karen contacted Shawn WRT his promise of multi-year funding for the Town Center project. He has not responded as of yet.
- Karen contacted Peter Regan WRT ongoing maintenance of trees after landscaping plans have been approved. No response as of the meeting.

3. New business

- Sandpiper Cottages (the business of) has purchased the property next door to the development and now needs approval.
 - They cut down a very old, large tree in advance of asking for approvals
 - We reviewed preliminary plans.
- Karen will attend a ceremony at the State House on Arbor Day that will honor those who received America the Beautiful grants.
- Karen presented a spread sheet that documents the projects we have reviewed since 2013. It is presented below.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary

Middletown Tree Commission Planning Review Projects

Project	Date	Location	Recommendation	Status	Notes
Aquidneck Highlands (Julia Court)	4/24/2013	Off Green End Ave. near the Polo Center.	The forested area on the side of the property bordering Green End should remain and only trees that are diseased or dead should be removed.	Completed	Agreement was reached with the developer.
Gallipeau Property	2/1/2014	At the end of Sachuest Way.	none	Open	
Seaview Property	4/1/2014	Industrial Park	none	Construction begun.	
Sea Breeze (Telly's)	9/1/2014	Corner of Aquidneck Ave and Newport Ave.	Sign should be moved to avoid the removal of trees.	Construction begun	
St. George's School	4/25/2014	Campus property	none	Construction begun	
Cumberland Farms	4/4/2015	Aquidneck Avenue	Add 3 maples on Aquidneck Ave. side and add i tree filter with an ornamental tree instead of Rhododendron	Open	Property owner was given our recommendations. New landscaping plan has not been submitted
TD Bank	4/4/2015	West Main Rd.	none	Open	

Hobby Shop/Hart St.	8/27/2015	West Main Rd. (parking lot in rear)	Add 2-3 small ornamental trees along West Main Rd. side	Construction has begun.	Property owner was given recommendations but were not included in permits because it was not on Hart St. State construction in the area is pending.
850 Aquidneck Ave./Middletown Commons	10/29/2015	850 Aquidneck Ave.(parking lot in rear)	Addition of 3 trees, 1 in a grass area beside the building and 2 along the border of the neighboring business.		Landlord's landscaper agreed. Christopher Manchester, Tupelo Gardenworks, Ltd. 401-294-9678. Will plant 2 American elm and 1 Yoshino Cherry.
142 Prospect Avenue	10/29/2015	Polo grounds behind 142 Prospect Ave.	Large beech tree along the proposed entrance.	Open	Developer's arborist, Tree Doctor agreed to work with Tree Warden during the construction.
KellerWilliams Offices Valley Road	9/1/2015	47 Valley Road	Tree Ordinance was violated, Litigation proceeded	Fine paid.	Property owner pled guilty and was fined \$3500. Fine would be given to the Tree Commission for tree planting
Middlecreek Farms	2/26/2016	Middletown/Portsmouth town line	none	Open	