

# Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the August 28, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Day at 4:00 in the Middletown Library Conference Room.

Those attending were: Karen Day, Bill DiMarco, Chuck Di Tucci, Bob Johnson and Ron Wolaski .

## 1. Finances:

There is approximately \$18,000 in the checking account.

- All major invoices have been paid.
- The Town award of \$7.5 k has been deposited.
- A \$2,000 Grant from the Alice B. Mayer Trust has been deposited.
- We are awaiting \$2,000 from DEM ( America the Beautiful Grant)
- We will receive \$8,000 From the van Beuren Charitable Trust in December
- Island Drive Group owes us approximately \$400 for their share of planted trees .

## 2. Old Business:

- The Tree Incentive program has funded 80 trees as of this meeting date.
- 110 Sachuest Way Tree Removal Request
  - The property owner has decided not to cut down any public trees. Instead he will move the location of the new driveway and remove whatever trees on his own property that are required.
- 850 Aquidneck Ave
  - The developer still hasn't planted the promised trees
  - Karen emailed the landscaper yet again and is waiting for a response.

- Newport Horticultural Society
  - The Commemorative boulder at Peckhams is too big for a pickup truck
    - Town DPW has agreed to pick it up
    - Chuck will inform Charlie Silvia
- Tuckerman Ave Property
  - The Owner of new large house wants to plant trees on Town land
    - The issue is that the trees could block his neighbors water view
    - Tom and Karen viewed the property
    - They decide that he could plant ornamentals that would grow to no higher than 12'
    - Tom will inform the owner
- Two dead trees on Boulevard
  - Kinder is aware of them and will replace them in the fall
- Bill gave administrative document from John Campinni to Karen
- The Town Center walkways are coming close to completion.
  - Karen mentioned the fact that Shawn has not responded to her emails regarding funding for trees.
  - Ron volunteered to look into it.

### 3. New business

- Ron said there are a few new projects coming up for review in the future
  - Polo Center modifications
  - National Grid substation

- Bob reported that 2 purple plum trees on Berkeley appear to be dead.
- Bob has been updating our tree database with this year's plantings.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary