

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For the October 27, 2016 Meeting

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

Those attending were: Shawn Brown, Karen Day, Bill DiMarco, Chuck Di Tucci, Alan Kirby, Bob Johnson, and BJ Northrup-Owen

1. Finances:

There is approximately \$36,500 in the checking account.

- All major invoices have been paid.
- We are awaiting \$2,000 from DEM (America the Beautiful Grant).
- We will receive \$8,000 From the van Beuren Charitable Trust in December.

2. Old Business:

- The monster rocks have been picked up by the DPW but have not been placed yet.
- The future budgets for the Valley Park were discussed
 - Shawn indicated that the Town wants the Valley to be special, and through the work of the DPW, it is currently under budget
 - His response to our question of available money was to tell us to proceed with a design and then tell him what we need
 - Alan and Chuck took an action Item to finish the design by the February Meeting. This will allow us to issue an RFP for the spring.
- 92 trees were planted under the subsidy program this year
- Karen has updated the Reviewed Projects spread sheet

- The National Grid Jepson Station proposal was reviewed with elevations that were new to us
 - Alan recommended the following
 - Abies Fraseri,*Cryptomeria Japonica,Juniperus virginiana,*Thuja plicata , where * implies the preferred specie
- 850 Aquidneck still hasn't planted trees that were agreed to be planted
- Bill started playing with Open Tree Map wrt our database.

3. New business

- We reviewed landscaping plans for additions to the Polo Center
 - No objections were raised
- There is no November meeting. The next meeting was set for 12/8/16

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary