

Minutes Middletown Tree Commission

Meeting Date: April 5, 2018

Location: Middletown Public Library

Time: 4:00 PM

Attending: Karen Day, Alan Kirby, Chuck DiTucci, BJ Northup-Owen, John Bollard (Middletown Rotary)

Items Discussed (Votes taken will be noted at the end of each item discussion):

1. Finances discussed. Currently \$41,546.38

Action taken: Accepted

2. Grants discussed. van Beuren Charitable Foundation grant will be rewritten to reflect maintenance needs. The America-the-Beautiful grant was rejected. Grants were submitted to the Aquidneck Land Trust (Merritt Neighborhood Fund for \$2500) and to the Rhode Island Foundation (Community Grant for \$10,000). John Bollard discussed potential financial support from the Middletown Rotary.

Action taken: Karen will write grants to NewportFed Foundation and Prince Charitable Foundation and continue to look for other possible funding sources.

3. Robert Sylva, attorney for the property owner of 308 & 296 Chase's Lane presented the landscaping plans for a development at that address which consists of 3 separate duplex buildings.

Action taken: The plans were reviewed and accepted with no changes.

4. The Town Council will be presenting an Arbor Day Proclamation on April 16, 2018. In addition, the Aquidneck Land Trust will be organizing a clean up of Valley Park on Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 10 AM -11:30 AM. Karen Day has been invited to speak about the plans for Valley Park.

Action taken: Members of the Commission are encouraged to attend, if possible.

5. Bids were opened for street planting and maintenance projects. We received 6 bids for street planting and 2 bids for maintenance.

Action taken: Samuel Kinder & Brother, Inc. of Bristol, RI was the lowest bidder for both. The maintenance project is thinning and pruning 37 London plane trees on Busher Drive and 7 acer rubrums

on Paquin Drive, Island Drive, and Wyndham Hill Road

Submitted by:

Karen Day, Chairperson