

Town Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2019

Attendees: C. Geisler, J. Barnett, H. Birdsall, B. Sutcliffe, L. Davis

Guests: Kim Syrel

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35PM. Jane Barnett was appointed temporary secretary for the meeting. The November minutes were reviewed and approved. Committee Elections were held. Carol Geisler was nominated and ran un-opposed for the position of Chair. B. Critchley was nominated and ran un-opposed for the position of secretary.

Old Business

Art Show – Carol thanked all involved with the planning, preparation, set -up and removal of the Art Shows. The Artist’s Reception was not held this year, but it was suggested that it be revisited next year added back into the program.

Tree Tags – Tree Tags were received by Beth. The plan is now to tag all Arbor Day Trees and Grant Trees in the spring.

Plan for Main Street – General Discussion on where trees can be planted. K. Syrel discussed the recent removal of trees at Citizen Bank on Route 1 and the possibility to add trees at the Bank of America location.

Town Hall and Preserve Tree Walk Status - C. Geisler would like to see the self-guided tour for the Town Hall/Elliot Preserve ready for the spring and coincide with Arbor Day.

High School Tree Inventory – J. Barnett has contacted the Environmental Club at the high school, and they are interested in working with the tree committee to mulch and inventory the trees. More discussion about timeframe and resources to follow.

Arbor Day Discussion – General plans were discussed for Arbor Day. This will be the last year of students at the Pierson school so it is thought we would have a planting at/near Town Hall/Elliot Preserve to allow the students to walk to the tree planting.

New Business

Bethany Knight resigned her appointment on the Tree Committee.

Yearly Report and Meeting – C. Geisler will represent the Tree Committee at the Town Yearly Meeting.

Klinki Pine – H. Birdsall shared that this pine tree, native to New Guinea has the ability to save the planet by being a fast-growing pine growing to 160 to 250 feet.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.