

Ridgefield Tree Committee
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2011, Meeting

Tree Warden's Office – 60 South Street

Members present: Nancy Boersma, Joe Eltz, Will Molyneux, Tom Venus, Vicki Yolen,
Tree Warden John Pinchbeck

Absent: David Andry

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m.**
- II. **The minutes of the November 17, 2010, meeting were approved. (Will / Joe)**
- III. **Treasurer's Report** In David's absence, John reported that there is \$4105.69 in the Tree Committee account. Nancy presented a check from *Notable Tree* sales at Books on the Common of \$50.00.
- III. **Priscilla's *Cornus mas*** The group did a quick wrap-up of the planting of the *Cornus mas* along Main Street to honor Priscilla Holmes' service on the committee. The Ridgefield *Press* picture and caption were noted. Pictures of the summertime dinner the Tree Committee treated Priscilla to were shared.
- IV. **Notable Tree Project** Joe reviewed the wrap-up of the republication of our book *Ridgefield's Notable Trees*. We discussed the correction of the error on the centerfold map regarding the notable Sugar Maple – Nancy will correct the error in ink in each book. Nancy will contact Ellen Burns of Books on the Common to set up a photo to be used to publicize the new edition. Books on the Common is selling more copies of *RNT* than any other location. Joe and Nancy will meet and plan distribution of copies to the schools and to other pertinent community groups.
- V. **Tree Warden's Report** John informed the committee of various activities and issues. He noted that Lewis Tree Service, under contract from CL and P, will be trimming trees along 45 designated streets – he reassured the group that he interacts with such contractors on an ongoing basis when they are working in our town. He announced that he would be giving a talk on the Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Longhorn Beetle at Parks and Rec on February 5 at 11 a.m. John also discussed the following circumstances and issues: various instances of

town tree damage and other problems (he shared related pictures); the back-breeding of American Chestnuts in an effort to develop a disease-resistant variety – we may try to get some of these trees; budget issues; his desire to again get interns this spring from the high school program; the successful application again this year to the Tree City USA program; the new brochure from Ballard Gardens; the private funding of the Main Street flower baskets this year; and current legal issues related to trees.

- VI. **Old Business** The tree honoring the memory of Will Molyneux's father, John Molyneux, will be planted in the spring in front of the Wachovia Bank, where the deformed and dying Norway Maple is scheduled to be removed. The cost of the tree and planting come from a family memorial fund.
- VII. **New Business** Regarding the official announcement of a vacancy on the Tree Committee, Nancy noted that there was a vacancy notice included in another article about town issues, but she will ask that an additional, separate story be put in the *Press*.
- VIII. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.** (Nancy / Vicki)

Nancy Boersma, scribe