

The Tree Committee
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Minutes – Meeting of July 27, 2011

Tree Warden's Office, 60 South Street, 4 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Venus, Joe Eltz, Nancy Boersma, John Pinchbeck

Absent: Vicki Yolen, Will Molyneux, David Andry

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:45. A quorum was not present.

II. Minutes of the June 15 meeting were reviewed.

III. Treasurer's Report In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.

IV. Tree City Signage The group discussed placing additional Tree City USA signs in important spots as roads enter Ridgefield. It was decided that all committee members would note where signs are presently posted and propose where additional signs should be posted. We will address this issue at the next meeting. Nancy reported that the picture of the Tree City USA tenth year award planting on Main Street in memory of John Molyneux should appear soon in the *Ridgefield Press*.

V. Notable Trees Nancy and Joe will arrange a picture with Ellen Burns at Books on the Common (they sell the most copies of our notable tree book) and write a story for the *Press*.

VI. Tree Warden's Report John reported that the two high school interns had inventoried the MainStreet trees from the Yanity house to King Street and given each an ASA rating. He suggested that we have just one intern next year and have that person do a power point presentation of these same trees. Additionally, he reported that the Emerald Ash Borer had been detected at West Point and treated with Merit – no EAB infestations have been detected on the east side of the Hudson. He noted that DuPont weed killer Imprelis should not be used around Norway Spruce and White Pine, which are badly affected by its use. He reported also that there are large numbers of Maple

trees that are dying – he is working to remove these and suspects that they were affected by last year’s severe drought. John commended the Parks and Rec landscape workers on the “great job” they are doing in maintaining Richardson Park.

VII. Old Business There was no old business.

VIII. New Business The group discussed the possibility of having a Tree Committee display in the Town Hall lobby sometime in the future – John will check with people at Town Hall about this possibility. Various suggestions were made about items in such a display: John’s “artifacts,” picture blow-ups, *Ridgefield’s Notable Trees, etc.*

IX. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

**The August meeting has been cancelled because of vacation plans.
The next meeting will be on September 21 / Minutes: Vicki.**

Nancy Boersma, Scribe (8/8/11)