

RIDGEFIELD TREE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting

Present: Nancy Boersma, Joe Eltz, William Molyneux, John Pinchbeck, Tom Venus and Vicki Yolen

Absent: David Andry and Priscilla Holmes

Called to order at 4:40pm

William Molyneux made a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting it was seconded by Joe Eltz.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$3273.49 included a donation from of \$75 from Patty Hoyt and \$4 collected for the Notable Tree Book, John Pinchbeck to deposit \$79.

Notable Tree Project: John Pinchbeck and Vicki Yolen submitted pictures of a Holly at Weir Farm. Not an American Holly Tree Committee looking for good example of American Holly. Members to keep eyes open for such example. Nancy Boersma will talk to Jack Sanders, editor of the Ridgefield Press, about publicizing the upcoming notable tree project. The Tree Committee will apply for the America the Beautiful grant to help pay for printing costs. The signs for the first, second and third place trees in the largest Sugar Maple contest have been acquired and will be put up in the spring.

Town Projects: John Pinchbeck read three letters of appreciation for the recent tree plantings at Richardson Park. John Pinchbeck passed around a copy of Storm Heidengers Eagle Scout project, done this past month, inventorying Richardson Park trees. Nancy Boersma will be in contact with Peter Goldstein for written permission to plant a Princeton Elm at the Adam Broderick property.

Tree Wardens Report: The Ridgefield Tree Committee will apply for a grant from the Urban Forest Council. The subject of the grant is energy conservation. The Connecticut Forest Resource Round Table will be held in three locations 2/12/2010 West Granby, Ct., 2/17/2010 Bethel, Ct. and

2/27/2010 Rockfall, Ct. John Pinchbeck has details for anyone interested. John Pinchbeck has submitted the operating budget for 2010 it is the same as last year.

New Business: Farmingville Elementary School was the only school to show any interest in the Arbor Day National Poster Contest so the Tree Committee has decided to think of another Arbor Day Project. Committee members are to give some thought to ideas for Arbor Day and present them at the next meeting. Ben Oko and the Conservation Commission have invited the members of the Tree Committee to a special meeting (Natural Resources Inventory) John Pinchbeck and Tom Venus to attend.

Meeting Adjourned 5:40pm

Minutes Taken by William Molyneux