

Ridgefield Tree Committee
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2010
Tree Warden's Office, 60 South Street

Members Present – Nancy Boersma, Tom Venus, Will Molyneux, Vicki Yolen, Priscilla Holmes, Joseph Eltz and Tree Warden John Pinchbeck. Absent – David Andry

I. Meeting Called to order at 4:30pm

II. Minutes of the June 16th, 2010 meeting were approved

III. Treasurer's Report (provided by John Pinchbeck)

- Balance as of June 21 is: \$5748.51
- This balance includes \$1100.00 for the tree to be planted in honor of Will Molyneux's father.
- This balance also includes \$1575.00 for the trees for Esposito's.

IV. Priscilla Holmes Tree Honorarium

- The Tree Committee will submit a copy of Priscilla's resignation letter to First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, in order to make Priscilla's resignation official.
- The tree type and location to be reviewed by Priscilla. John and Will offered to show Priscilla the proposed locations in front of the Wachovia bank building and the Venus building.

- A dinner for Priscilla to be held 7/28/10 at Sagi at 5:30pm.

V. Notable Tree Project

- All photo's and measurements are available for the four trees being included in the revision of the Notable Tree Guide.
- Nancy to work on the final edits to the text that will be included in the book for each tree.
- Nancy also indicated she planned to visit the Concolor and White Pine on the Bennett's Farm property to get a more precise description of the location of both trees.
- Once the final edits are completed, Joe and Nancy will meet with representatives from Ridgefield Printing to discuss the details of getting the revision printed.

VI. Town Projects

- Ridgefield Press Building – Discussed the planting of new trees in front of this building. Tabled the discussion until the September meeting.
- Nancy indicated she would contact a representative from HSBC to initiate discussions about planting trees in front of the HSBC building.

VII. Tree Warden Report

- Invasive species “Mile a Minute” has been spotted in Connecticut. John is working with a member of the CT Invasive Species Group to publish an article in the Ridgefield Press.

- John discussed trees removed around town over the past month including two Norway Maples on Gilbert Street.
- John distributed photographs of trees that have been removed or needing attention.
- John gave each Tree Committee member a copy of the “Ridgefield Community Center Tree Guide” produced by summer intern, Kristen Zalewski and the publication titled “Connecticut Tree Laws”.

VIII. Old Business – None

IX. New Business

- The committee discussed adding “links” to the Town Website that would direct residents to helpful information such as www.beetledectives.com
- Wendi Gannon in the Selectman’s office could be of help in getting these links added. To be discussed further at the next meeting in September.

X. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Will.
- A second to the motion was made by Nancy.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Eltz