

Tree Committee  
Ridgefield, Connecticut

May 27, 2010

**Minutes, Meeting of May 19, 2010**

**Present:** Tom Venus, Will Molyneux, Nancy Boersma, Joe Eltz (speaker phone), and Tree Warden John Pinchbeck

**Absent:** David Andry, Vicki Yolen

**The Meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.**

**Minutes of the April 14, 2010, meeting**

Approval of the minutes was put off until the next meeting, in the absence of a quorum early in the meeting.

**Treasurer's report**

In the Treasurer's absence, John Pinchbeck reported that the Tree Committee has received a \$1500. grant from the Connecticut Urban Forest Council, which has been deposited in our account and that the fund established by the Molyneux family to honor the memory of John Molyneux has received to date \$275. The total balance in the Tree Committee account stands at \$4947.29.

**Notable Tree Project**

The group discussed at length the procedures and materials – pictures, text – of our planned expansion of Ridgefield's Notable Trees. Discussion involved the four trees to be added in the re-publication of the book: Concolor Fir, White Pine, Tuliptree, and Black Walnut. A plan was made - for those committee members who could - to meet next Wednesday afternoon, May 26, at 5:00 at John's office to take a field trip to view all four of the trees presently chosen. On a related matter, Nancy reported on her conversation with John Walonski of HSBC, who is planning a community service program for the fall and wishes to purchase 50 copies of the re-published Ridgefield's Notable Trees as part of his program.

**Town Projects**

John reported that Patriot Elms have been planted in front of Adam Broderick and on the bank in front of Baskin-Robbins on their private property in our on-going effort to improve the streetscape of that part of town.

**Tree Warden's report**

John gave more details about the \$1500. grant the committee has received from the CUFC: he read the grant letter and noted that the CUFC person who will oversee our project is Leslie Kane. John also reported on his

Town budget presentation and the meeting, indicating that he felt satisfied with the outcome. Other issues were discussed: over-mulching, dedication trees, and artillery fungus, among others.

### **Old Business**

Nancy reported that the Largest Sugar Maple Contest winner signs are up along Main Street for the first and third place winning trees, and that the second place winner sign will be up soon.

John reported on the May 15 Arbor Day Richardson Park Tree Tour, indicating that he and Paul Roche had conducted a successful tour for about 20 people last Saturday morning.

It was decided that the committee would talk further at the next meeting about an event for Priscilla on the occasion of her long and devoted service to the Tree Committee and her recent resignation.

The next regular meeting will be on June 16.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.**

Nancy Boersma, Scribe