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Town of Red Hook

## Tree Preservation Commission

### Minutes for January 21, 2020

**Attendance:** Chairman Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Dave Grover, Karen Cadorette, Doug Traudt, Codie Hay, Eleanor Friery, Town Council Liaison Jacob Testa and Linda Keeling, secretary

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** None

**Location:** Red Hook Town Hall

**Purpose:** Our regular monthly meeting is normally held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Town Hall.

**Call to Order:** There was a quorum (7 out of 7, 100%). *Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm. The Chairman handed out an agenda.

*Quote of the month:* **“Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new way of life.”** By **John Muir**

#### **Minutes: December 17, 2019 Corrections / Additions**

1. P. 2, #7, L2: Remove entire line starting with “He indicated....”
2. P. 2, #7, L3: Insert the name: “Lamprou”

Linda Keeling handed out the old contact list for updates.

**Motion:** *Hop Michael* motioned to accept the minutes from December as corrected, *Eleanor Friery* seconded, all agreed.

*Chairman Cathy Michael* introduced our new town board liaison, *Jacob Testa*.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Tree Pruning:** *Hop Michael* and *Dave Grover* worked on the trees on Rockefeller Lane. The south side was of some concern. Hop spoke with Van Lamprou of Dutchess Creamery. He gave permission to selectively prune the oaks on his property. Hop said the Highway Dept. would supply 6 men for 4 hrs. at \$23.50 per hour for a total of \$564. That would be 20% of our budget. Codie Hay said his company could do it for \$475. There would be 10 piles of pin oak and others. Van told Hop that burning the piles would be fine with him. After extensive discussion it was felt that chipping would be quicker and safer. Hop also talked to a soccer person and asked if their mowing person could take a few cutting passes.

**2. Pitcher Lane:** *Hop Michael* said the diseased maple tree was dropped by *Codie Hay* and the stump would be next. Payment was received. Chairman Cathy Michael said that took our budget down to zero. Hop has done an assessment of what trees need to come down. *Hop, Dave and Codie* will meet on Saturday at 9 am to drop the Ailanthus and stake out five new tree positions.

**3. Tree City Application Update:** The application was received as completed and approved. The Albany D.E.C. Luncheon will only allow two people. It will be held on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Two members will attend.

**4. Tree Order:** The Schichtel's trees will be ordered. *Linda Keeling* put in an order for the tree seedlings from Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation with a pick-up date of April 24<sup>th</sup>, the day before our Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be 6 different species (60 plants) plus a bluebird box for the raffle for a total cost of \$121 and whatever is viable from trees potted. She will see the bookkeeper about submitting the form.

**5. Round-up Use by the DOT on Rt. 9 in Upper Red Hook:** It is still an unresolved issue. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will contact the CAC through liaison Jacob Testa.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Books and Poster Contest:** *Eleanor Friery* reported that Alexia Bolton will order 30 seedlings for the Mill Rd. Elementary School planting and plant them on the inside of the Nature Trail with the children. Eleanor and Nancy Guski will still do the Nature Trail for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The hard covered books ordered have arrived. Some of them are appropriate for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Eleanor will put in a salutation saying it's from the Tree Commission. In March, Eleanor will send out her notice to the school for the poster contest. She is trying to get Maureen Boyd interested in becoming a participant. *Hop Michael* and *Doug Traudt* will cut up 250 tree cookies for the necklace decorations.

**Motion:** *Eleanor Friery* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Hop Michael* seconded and all agreed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary