

Tree Committee

April 4, 2018, Mason Library

I. Lisa Bozzuto called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Present were members J. B. Brodeur, Beth Moser, Hilda Banks Shapiro, Michael Wise. Absent: Nan Wile, Chris Wilshire, Michael Piretti.

II. Minutes of the meeting of March 8 were approved, without objection.

III. Old business

A. Trees planted

Bozzuto circulated the list Piretti compiled of the trees and shrubs the town has planted since the committee was formally established in 2011. Most were done for the Main Street project and National Grid restorations. She suggested creating a map of the town showing where they are.

IV. New business

A. Arbor Day planning

Hilda continues to promote the poetry contest. Three judges have been recruited, all of them poets. and brought flyers. There have already been some entries.

The assessment with DCR is scheduled for the morning of April 26. This might depend on whether Piretti will be able to follow up, since the point of the assessment is to identify trees to be treated.

Haupt Tree will do Arbor Day pruning. The plan is to do the apple trees at the library and in Housatonic. Bozzuto has not heard from Wile about the Botanical Garden's possible contribution of services to do work at the Senior Center.

B. Tree warden position

Bozzuto has sent a letter to the town pointing out the provisions of state law, Ch. 87, and town bylaws that assign responsibilities to the town tree warden, describing the contributions the incumbent tree warden has made, and urging the town to restore the budget for this post. The committee supported this initiative.

V. Citizen speak time

None.

VI. General

A. The next meeting will be May 2, 2018, at 5:30.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:57 PM.