

1. Tree Preservation Committee Minutes

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Town of Red Hook

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**Tree Preservation Commission**

**Minutes for February 21, 2023**

**I. Attendance:** *Chairman Cathy Michael, George (Hop) Michael, Karen Cadorette, Codie Hay, Dave Grover, and Secretary Linda Keeling*

**Absent:** *Doug Traudt, Alisha Riepma and Liaison Jacob Testa*

**Guests:** none

**II. Call to Order:** There were 5 out of 7 members in attendance for a quorum.

*Chairman Cathy Michael* called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and handed out an agenda.

Quote of the Month: “Trees are the answer. What’s your question?”  
(Texas forester)

**III. Minutes of 1/17/23 Corrections:** There were a few corrections on the second page.

1. P.2, IV A, L 1: Change “Kim” to “Ken Migliorelli”

2. P. 2, V A, L 2: Change spelling to “Schichtel’s”

3. P. 2, V C, Ph. 2, L 3: remove “and Nature Walk”, add “Friery”

**MOTION:** *Hop Michael* motioned to approve the 1/17/23 Minutes with the corrections, and *Codie Hay* seconded, all approved.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree Removal/Pruning on Pitcher Lane:** *Hop Michael* stated all trees were pruned during a nasty, cold day. *Hop Michael, Codie Hay* and *Doug Traudt* will take down a tree sometime between the second week in March and April 1st. There was some

discussion about taking down trees and which budget it would come from ours versus the highway department.

**2. Budget:** Last year was \$6,000. *Linda Keeling* reported she saw, in the proposed budget, a line item for \$8,000 for this year. It was felt that perhaps the \$2,000 left over from not paying for trees was the reason. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will check with Bookkeeper, Ann Conway.

**3. Spring Tree Order (Augustine's):** Due to the \$500 shipping charge with Schichtel, an order will be done locally as in the past. Some trees to consider are: white oak for Nancy Guski's replacement, Magnolias, shad bark Hickory, American Hornbeam and black gum at Rec Park West. And in the fall, we will concentrate on Rockefeller and Budd's Corners as the property owners are very supportive of new plantings. The group would like to plant both sides of the roadway leading into Rec Park West. John Kuhn will be consulted. Other tree species were entertained for consideration.

*Linda Keeling* inquired if any landscaping, along the sidewalks, will be done in the area of the septic location as it looks rather bleak and uninteresting.

**4. Tree City Recognition Ceremony at Vassar College, Thursday, March 16th, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm:** Only two members can attend so *Cathy Michael* and *Linda Keeling* will go. We always avail ourselves of posters and other items to be used at our Arbor Day Celebration.

**5. Arbor Day Celebration Plans, Saturday, April 29, 2023:** Tentatively the following will participate: CAC Laurie Husted on "Bee Pollinators", Library, Beekeeper Deb Tuttle demonstration and display, Amelia LeGare from Ozone on "Recycling Waste", DC Soil and Water Recycling Coordinator Hannah Ring on general recycling, and Red Hook Senior Sunrise Movement Stella Legendre on "Making Pollinator Balls".

*Karen Cadorette* has offered to bring and set up her 10 x 10 tent.

*Cathy Michael* and *Linda Keeling* will arrange for the luncheon.

There will be a raffle. *Linda Keeling* is donating a purchased wooden bird feeder and *Hop Michael* has been making bluebird houses (12-15) with *Cathy Michael* doing the stencils. Again, tree cookie necklaces will be made. Nancy Guski volunteered to make a raffle basket.

*Dave Grover* will assemble various games and activities for the children.

As usual, free tree seedlings will be given one to a family on a first come basis. *Linda Keeling* has ordered 70 seedlings at a cost of \$191. We generally cover our costs through donations.

- 6. Mill Road School Arbor Day Activities:** A discussion ensued on who will take over the Nature Trail class lessons. *Eleanor Friery* had handled about 16 classes of 1st and 3rd graders. It was felt we would need to modify the program and only include 3rd graders which would be 7-8 walks.

Several persons considered assisting: *Hop Michael, Dave Grover, Codie Hay* and *Linda Keeling*. *Eleanor Friery* will continue to order books and do the poster contest.

- 7. Rt. 199 Sign and Post:** *Hop Michael* has been having discussions with the State DOT, Rokeby Rd. Substation, Martin Polumbo and Tina from Poughkeepsie. There seems to be a spirit of cooperation so some resolution is forthcoming.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Pitcher Lane Sign:** There is only one sign on the south side in the middle of the many trees planted. *Linda Keeling* noticed the sign was face down so she re-erected it. She suggested we get another sign and relocate them to the beginning of each tree line. Chairman *Cathy Michael* will look into getting more signage. *Dave Grover* suggested we only keep them up for 6 months so they last longer.

*Linda Keeling* inquired if we have created a sign to put around a tree notifying the public that it will be replaced. *Chairman Cathy Michael* has not acted on this yet.

**VI. Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**Motion:** *Hop Michael* motioned to adjourn the meeting, *Dave Grover* seconded, all agreed.

**VII. Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, March 21, 2023** at the town hall at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary