

Town of Red Hook

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**Tree Preservation Commission**

**Minutes for October 18, 2022**

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

**Absent:** *Dave Grover, 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 7:04 pm and handed out an agenda.

Quote of the Month: “There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of Nature.” by Rachel Carson

**III. Minutes of 9/20/22 Corrections:**

A. p. 2, D, L 2: eliminate “additional”

B. p. 3, A, #2: change dig to “be contacted about digging.”

**MOTION:** *Hop Michael* motioned to approve the Minutes from September 20th as corrected and *Doug Traudt* seconded, all approved.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Fall Tree Planting:**

1. The delivery date is October 26th at 8 am for 16 trees.

2. *Chairman Cathy Michael* and *Hop Michael* staked out the locations at Rec Park West.

3. Michele Decker was called by the Chairman and is awaiting her return call.

4. *Hop Michael* will call Dig Safe ahead of the event. *Hop* and *Cathy* staked out the locations for the 15 trees.

The Planting date and time is Saturday, October 29th at 9:30 am.

As of this meeting, Chairman Cathy Michael has not heard from Village Green but she will contact them. The intent is to have a luncheon with Village Green held at the town hall with them organizing the food and drinks.

5. *Chairman Cathy Michael* will organize obtaining mulch, fencing and stakes.

**B. Mill Road School Update:** There is no update to report.

**C. Tree inventory Update:** *Karen Cadorette* discussed the various tree programs available and their difficulty in learning and implementing them. She will make more calls to see what others are using. She showed a 2018 Tree Commission booklet for referencing for future data collection and recording.

**D. Tree City Sign Update:** *Chairman Cathy Michael* will contact Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke as to how we should proceed in erecting the sign we got from the Village Green to replace our old sign. Hopefully, the Highway Department can erect the sign and bill the Tree Commission for their work efforts.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Community and Sustainability Event, October 20th, Greig Farm, 5-6:30 pm:**

*Chairman Cathy Michael* got an email from CAC Chairman Laurie Husted regarding this event for the Tree Commission members to attend. Everyone agreed the classes look interesting.

*Chairman Cathy Michael, Hop Michael* and *Linda Keeling* will attend in order to participate, mingle with the participants and gather information.

**B. Continuing Education Opportunity:** The Nassau County Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering several weeks of Zoom informational sessions on consecutive Wednesdays: 11/ 2- 12/7, 7-8 pm. There is a fee (\$40 each session or \$225 for all 6 sessions). Arborist credits are being offered.

*Cathy Michael* will sign up *Codie Hay* with others meeting at *Cathy's* house so all can learn from the experience.

*Linda Keeling* said she would bring popcorn.

The Following classes are of interest to the group:

11/2: *GIS Services and Other Technology to Support Fieldwork*

11/9: *Innovations in Tree Planting*

11/23: *Tree Pests and Problems: BOLO in 2023*

11/30: *The American Chestnut Story*

The Zoom Sessions are recorded and can be viewed at a later date if necessary.

**VI. Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**Motion:** *Karen Cadorette motioned to adjourn the meeting, Doug Traudt seconded, all agreed.*

**VII. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 15, 7 pm, town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, TC Secretary