

## **PUBLIC SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**October 13, 2009**

**Town Room, Town Hall**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** H. Crolius, R. Erwin, O. Stein, D. Stein, A. Snow and W. Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM

No September minutes

**Tree Warden Report:** Worcester is currently replanting trees destroyed by the Long Horn Beetle with replacement trees, using digital records of size, species and location (GPS). The state oversees the program and hiring contractors to assure proper planting. The program is using large contractors for the work. Many of those families that had trees removed were glad to have them removed and do not wish them to be replaced.

The Tree Warden has had few calls about tree issues in Town.

Dennis & Norma Ryan have offered to plant a memorial tree at the Wildwood Elementary School'

DPW did not fulfill the order for tree for the west side of North Pleasant Street in a timely manner and were unable to obtain the trees required for planting. This planting has now been delayed until spring 2010.

Pete Mongean, of the shade tree crew, is interested in the Land Management position. This is under the Conservation Commission rather than DPW. We need to check with Dave Ziomek to see if he would support this. The Tree Warden sees benefits to moving crew and felt that it would facilitate tree programs.

The Jones Library landscape group felt that the position where the Princeton Elm was planted was not the best location for the tree. Tree Warden had met with every group he was aware of before locating the planting site.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 the 250th event will be selling trees on the Common.

A tree inventory grant was awarded. A bid will be put out for a late spring inventory. This will assure that the trees being counted are in good shape. The Conservation Dept. will take care of the process. There is broad support for the process from several areas that will benefit from the data.

The Crabapple trees in front of CVS on North Pleasant Street have been transplanted to Groff Park. One tree did not survive.

Sand Hill Road tree removal project is waiting upon a decision from the Select Board to go forward.

The tree status on the Atkins Round-about project is yet to be resolved.

Next meeting: Second Tues. in Nov., Nov 10. Meeting adjourned 5:05 PM.

Minutes approved at the November 10, 2009 Public Shade Tree Committee meeting.