

PUBLIC SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

**January 12, 2010
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Alan Snow, Tree Warden; Dennis Ryan; Otto Stein; Robert Erwin; Hope Crolius

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by 4:07 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Voted unanimously to approve the December 8, 2009 minutes.

Atkins Corner Project

Alan Snow met with Guilford Mooring about the Atkins Corner project and the issue of contracts and the review process. There appear to be major issues with the removal of the oak at the beginning of the project and the black walnuts at Hampshire College in both cases. The trees can be saved with some minor changes in the design.

A letter will be sent to the Conservation Commission in reference to this project, with cc's to the Town Manager, the Select Board, and the Department of Conservation. The letter will stress the importance of including the APSTC at the beginning of design review process.

Amherst Sustainability Festival April 24, 2010

Town/Gown Event: A combination of the Stockbridge Arboriculture students, the Massachusetts Arborists Association, and various groups will hold the event in Kendrick Park, to honor Arbor Day, Earth Day, and the Renewable Energy Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Notes by Dennis Ryan, secretary pro tempore, and written up by Hope Crolius