

PUBLIC SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
November 10, 2009
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Rbt Erwin, Alan Snow, Otto Stein, And Bill Hutchinson, Visitors: Sheri Wilson, Ellen Goodwin both from Jones Library Landscape subcommittee.

Call to order: 4:04

Minutes of Oct 13, 2009 approved as corrected.

Question: R. Erwin on the status of moving Pete Mongean. There has been no movement on the restructuring of work assignment. At this time there is the possibility of appointing a Town Forester which requires at least a Bachelor's degree. Mr. Mongeon does not have the credentials. Alan will talk with Dave Ziomek about issue.

Ell Goodwin spoke with regard to the impact of the recently planted Princeton Elm on the overall landscape presentation at the Jones Library. She provided the following: Oct. 6, 2009 Trustees of Jones Library, "Carol Gray moves that if a location can be found that shades the building and is agreeable to the Friends of the Library, we agree to it. McKee seconded, Unanimous in favor".

Board of the friends of the Jones Library, Nov2, 2009: "The Board of the Friends of the Jones Library regrets that the location of the Princeton Elm is directly in front of a corner of the planned landscape at the Jones Library. It is blocking a memorial bench given to the Library for the use of the public. As the tree grows, it will crowd the existing dogwoods and shade the garden. We cannot agree with the Trustees decision that the ecological considerations justify its present placement."

There seems to be a major concern of the Elm overwhelming the dogwood and hiding the memorial bench. There is a possibility of relocating the tree and the APSTC asked that the Friends of the Library mark or otherwise indicate a place that meets their requirements better and notify the Tree Warden for spring relocation.

Hadley Gardens has again most generously donated 18 trees consisting of 5 River Birch, 6 crabapples, 1 White Oak, 1 Ironwood, 5 White and Blue Spruce.

Pete Mongeon is looking to establish a composting site at the transfer station. He has found a company to chip logs, stumps and other wood debris and get it to Montgomery Rose in Hatfield.

Jason Skeels may possibly be on the December meeting schedule to discuss trees in the Atkins Corner project. Because of land swaps public trees will become private trees and hence more easily removed. A site visit may be scheduled for the next meeting.

Minutes approved at the December 8, 2009 Public Shade Tree Committee meeting.

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Hope Crolius, chair of committee, noted that there are still positions open on the committee and that several persons had expressed an interest in joining the committee.

It is possible the LSSE might come up with a Tree Steward training class as part of their programs.

The trees at the waste water plant will be mulched for winter protection.

Ms Crolius provide a Birthday cake in honor of a committee member's natal day. Said cake was shared by all committee members and guest of the meeting.

Adjourned: 5:15 PM