

Tree Committee

June 3, 2015, Mason Library

I. Chairman Dennis Gibbons called the meeting to order at 5:22 PM. Present were members Dennis Gibbons, Lisa Bozzuto, Jess Wikle, Hilda Banks Shapiro, and Michael Wise. Absent: Beth Moser and tree warden Michael Piretti

II. Minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2014 were approved.

III. Old business

A. Bylaw amendment

Bozzuto presented ideas about a draft bylaw amendment. Other towns have much more detailed language about tree replacement than we had in mind. Ideas: include replacement details in permitting conditions; allow a payment into a tree fund, in lieu of actual replacement.

IV. New business

A. Searles School development

Gibbons is concerned about preserving the shad tree on this property. He will talk with the tree warden about this tree. Wise moved that the tree committee express its concern that this tree be protected in the development of this property. Second, Bozzuto; approved unanimously.

B. Reorganization

Jess Wikle was elected chair to succeed Gibbons when his term expires this month; nomination by Wise, vote unanimous.

V. General

A. The members thanked chair Dennis Gibbons for his years of service.

A. The next meeting will be July 1, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.



Michael Wise  
Secretary