

Minutes of the Woodstock Tree Committee Meeting July 14, 2025

Present: Michael, Gay, Cindy, Linda, Carol

Agenda

Library

DOT update

Tree law

Fall planting

Other business

Library

Barry, president of the library board is present. We have been asked by the library board to put in trees at their new space. Apparently, they have spent \$20,000 on a new pollinator garden in back of the building and want trees around it. Michael thinks it's a good idea and a place to put memorial trees. Gay pointed out that according to the tree law, we only plant within 20 feet of Route 212. Michael said it is totally legal. We discussed it and decided to act only as an advisor as to what kinds of trees to plant and how many. We will push for trees on Dixon Avenue in front of the building. Trees will be paid for by donation. Cindy will go look at the site and recommend trees.

[We currently have around \$3000 in our budget.]

DOT update

Mark Kruk, the person at the DOT in charge of the sidewalk project, is coming to Woodstock next Wednesday to meet with Complete Streets and the supervisor. CS wants some safety issues resolved and wants to push the plan all the way out to Bearsville.

We now have forty tree plots planned. Should we extend the plots to Bearsville? We will apply for grants to pay for the trees. Carol brought up the issue of the old trees in town, and that we should try to get the dot to pave around them. Cindy said they always cut roots when doing this kind of work and then the trees die in a year or so. Michael will send them a memo about this.

Tree law

Possibly up for approval at the next TB meeting.

Fall Planting

Carol volunteered to manage the fall planting. She proposed the property across from Lasher Road. Cindy said the tree pit on the corner of Rock City Road and Tinker Street, which is now full of weeds, is a "great spot for a tree". Michael suggested the entrance to the parking lot on Rock City Road or perhaps the artists' cemetery, (where there is a cedar which had been moved there from the Ashokan reservoir when it was first built). He will pay for a Jay Cohen memorial tree.

Other business

Gay spoke about the latest tree threat, American Beech disease, which is carried by tiny nematodes. This affects all kinds of beech trees. We should put something up on the website. You can hire a forester to use chemicals which is most effective but expensive, or use purchasable sprays which are less effective because they don't entirely eliminate the worms and eggs.

The gator bag should be removed from the laundromat tree.

Gay asked Michael to make a calendar of commitments for next winter.

Adjourned.