

## **February 18, 2014: Town Board Minutes 2014**

Supervisor Jeremy Wilber presiding.

Council Members present: Councilman Bill McKenna

Councilman Ken Panza

Councilman Jay Wenk

Councilwoman Cathy Magarelli – absent

Deputy Supervisor Laura Ricci – present

### **Resolution 71-2014**

Establish the Tree Committee

Offered by Supervisor Wilber, seconded by Councilman McKenna:

Be it Resolved, to establish the Woodstock Tree Committee under the following provisions:

Woodstock Tree Committee

#### Purpose:

1. Review Chapter 217 of the Woodstock Code, and if deemed appropriate, recommend to the Town Board revisions and/or amendments.
2. Investigate the advantages of membership in Tree City, an arm of the Arbor Day Foundation, which requires:
  - A Tree Board or Department
  - A Tree Care Ordinance
  - A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita (Woodstock has approx 5986 full time residents).
  - An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation
3. Educate homeowners and businesses on tree pruning, preservation and planting of ornamental and shade trees.
4. Organize an annual Arbor Day in conjunction with the schools in town.
5. Solicit public input on areas where more shade trees are needed on public lands.
6. Conduct a survey of town and privately owned trees that pose a danger to public rights of way, and need immediate removal or trimming.
7. Provide guidance with locating the planting and maintaining of memorial trees.
8. Explore planting a live fir tree on the Village Green to serve as a holiday tree.
9. Assist with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) education efforts.

#### Establishment:

The Town Board shall appoint no fewer than five residents of the Town of Woodstock to the Woodstock Tree Committee, who shall serve at the please of the Town Board. The Tree Committee shall be advisory. The Tree Committee shall have no right to enter upon private property without the express permission of the property owner.

The Woodstock Environmental Commission, the Woodstock Commission for Civic Design, the Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor shall identify a liaison to the Woodstock Tree Committee.

Procedure:

The Tree Committee shall appoint its own officers, which shall comprise no less than a chairperson and a secretary.

The Tree Committee will establish its own rules of order and schedule of meetings.

The Tree Committee shall inform the Town Clerk at least one week in advance of the time, date and location of their meetings. This requirement shall not include those instances where on site investigations are necessary.

The Tree Committee shall submit to the Town Clerk in electronic form a copy of approved minutes for posting on the Town website.

The Tree Committee shall issue its annual report to the Town Board no later than December 31 of each year.

All voted 4-0: Supervisor Wilber - aye

Councilman Wenk - aye

Councilman McKenna - aye

Councilman Panza - aye