

Minutes of the Woodstock Tree Committee Meeting

June 9, 2025

Present: Michael, Gay, Carol

Agenda

- DOT update
- Tree law
- Fall planting
- Tree Care

DOT update

Michael met with the Complete Streets people. They had submitted five plans, all of which were rejected by the DOT. CS agreed that trees should have been included, so they went back to Lindsey, their designer, to revise the plans (which had been approved by Bill). We are waiting for the revised plans. Michael said we are fine with whatever plan they choose as long as it includes trees. The new DOT plan will go all the way out to Bearsville.

Tree law

Tomorrow night is the public hearing for the tree law changes. It is a simple change to protect young trees and specify which trees will be protected. Gay will speak about how many years it takes a tree to achieve a certain trunk diameter and the fact that we are planting on private property, which can change ownership over time. Michael will encourage enforcement by the Building Department, the Planning Board, and by visits from the Tree Committee. Carol will talk about educating the public about tree care.

Fall Planting

We are considering the Chamber of Commerce property on Rock City Road. Michael will buy a Jay Cohen memorial tree.

Tree Care

Carol will ask Cindy about removing the gator bags. We need reflector stakes to keep cars away from the new tree at the Playhouse.

Michael is working on a tree map with the CCD in addition to cleaning up the light poles. They want to create a kiosk with a permanent map which will have a QR code to locate all the memorial trees.

Adjourned.