

# Woodstock Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

## September 11, 2023 Woodstock Town Offices

In attendance: Michael Veitch, Carol March, Cindy Muro, Bennet Ratcliff, Linda Lover.

- Welcome Linda Lover, potential new member of our committee, a brief conversation regarding her connection to schools and possibilities of connecting students to tree education.
- MV reported that he gave a presentation at the last town board meeting regarding the scenic overlay and fines for offenders of the laws. He recommended hiring professional for tree advisement as well as drone documentation.
- Tree at 112 Tinker Street that was discussed at the last meeting was partially taken down. BR suggested that the tree committee check in with head of the DOT sidewalk project regarding any ongoing tree issues.
- MV is going to send a letter on town letterhead requesting a meeting with the current Pastor Of the Lutheran church on Mill Hill Rd. requesting a meeting regarding planting of a tree on their property. ( a large tree was illegally removed from the property some years ago, a small tree replaced it, but has since died) LL mentioned that she had somewhat Of a relationship with the Pastor.
- Discussion of huge Locust tree taken down between H.Houst & Candlestock that was growing out of the foundation of the building. MV requested a FOIL to find out if a permit to cut the tree had been made. No word yet. CM suggested to use this as an opportunity to educate the public about the cost of allowing "weed" trees to grow close to buildings. The tree was removed by Limber Tree. BR suggested a letter to shop owners in town to educate them of this matter. No one to take an action at this time
- Discussion continued from last months meeting about getting a small amount of funds to do some minor work, badly needed on a few trees planted by the WTC . BR recommended getting estimates and making a request to the town board. CM will follow through with that.

- Follow up on plans for tree planting at Overlook Church. CM got no response from UCDE for funding, MV will check on tree planting funds from the town.
- CarolM will check with the church and see if a Sunday morning ( after services) would be a good time to plant. CM suggested Sunday Oct 1, and will check on buying the trees.
- Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 9, 10 a.m. via Zoom, as town offices will be closed