

**LANESBOROUGH TREE AND FOREST COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 5, 2015**

In attendance: Paula Brydy, Nick DeCandia, Jim Neureuther, Anne Pasko

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair, Jim Neureuther
2. Minutes of December 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted
3. Jim Neureuther presented he financial statements. There is a balance of \$2,552.56 in the revolving account and \$275.00 in the general fund.
4. Anne Pasko reported that the year-end newsletter had been printed and folded by Aldam Press and delivered to the Lanesborough Tax Collector for inclusion in the December tax bills. The committee thanked Jim for doing an excellent in writing and formatting it.

5. TREE CITY RE-CERTIFICATION

Jim reported that the 2014 Tree City ReCertification report was very nearly complete and would be submitted next week.

6 TEXAS HOLD 'EM FUNDRAISER

The Texas Hold Em fundraiser will be held on January 25, 2015 at the Skyline Country Club. Posters will be displayed as follows:

Paula – Riley's Restaurant
Jim - Fire Departments, C.J.'s bar in Adams
Anne: Lanesborough Post Office, Library, Old Forge

Anne will provide 50/50 raffle tickets and Jim will renew the raffle permit.

The Committee will provide desserts, Skyline will provide lunch. Jim will obtain the "seed money". All will arrive around 11 a.m. to set up.

7. COMMITTEE PLANS FOR 2015 ANNIVERSARY TREE PLANTINGS

The Committee will plant a memorial tree for any citizen who requests one and donates \$250.00. This will include a plaque. Jim will prepare a handout for potential tree donors. Town website www.lanesborough-ma.gov has schedule of 250th events that Tree Committee should be aware of.

Jim will invite Mark Froio and Bill Girard to the next meeting to discuss where the trees will be planted.

8 OTHER BUSINESS

Jim has written a budget proposal to be submitted to the Finance Committee making the argument to increase the \$ provided each year to the Tree Committee.

Jim is reviewing possible grants that we might write.

Anne will check with LES and the third grade teachers to see what Friday in May would be appropriate for the celebration of Arbor Day.

We will attempt to bring new members onto the committee as follows:

Nick will talk to Maggie Siricusa (??)

Jim will talk to Roberta Parker and Jim Robak

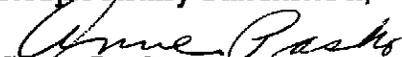
Fundraising: Rather than run another 50/50 raffle (yawn!) Jim has proposed that we create and sell commemorative magnets with an image of King Elmer and 2015, Lanesborough, etc. We agreed that this would be a fun way to raise \$ and awareness selling them for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00.

NEXT MEETINGS: JANUARY 26TH AT 4 P.M. (UNLESS BILL OR MARK CAN NOT MAKE IT AT THAT TIME) AND

FEBRUARY 23RD AT 4 P.M at the Town Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Anne Pasko