

LANESBOROUGH TREE AND FOREST COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 26 2015

In attendance: Paula Brydy, Nick DeCandia, Jim Neureuther, Anne Pasko
As guests: Katharine Westwood, Mark Froio and Bill Laston

1. The meeting was called to order by Jim at 7:00 p.m.
 2. The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.
 3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim reported that after expenses we have a balance of \$43.47 in the General Fund and a balance of \$3,738.61 in the revolving fund. This balance reflects a donation of \$25.00 from Fran Kelly of 514 S. Main Street and a donation of \$250.00 from Ralph and Sue Shulman of Delray Beach, Florida which is to be used to plant a tree to celebrate the 250th Lanesborough Celebration.
 4. TREE MAINTENANCE/PLANTING PLANS: The Committee engaged in a long discussion with Mr. Froio and Mr. Laston of Laston Park regarding their vision and plans for tree plantings at Laston. It was agreed that the Committee will use donations that are given and designated for memorial trees to plant approximately 6 trees along the walking trail at the Park and four trees at the entrance to the park. This, of course, will be determined by the number of donations received.
 5. FUND RAISING ACTIVITY: A successful Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament was held on Sunday, January 25th at the Skyline Country Club. 48 people registered to play. The proceeds to the Committee are \$1,129 but we must send \$187.95 to the Mass State Lottery Commission which is 5% of the gross proceeds.
- Future fundraising efforts in the form of magnets depicting King Elmer, the Lanesbrough Elm Tree, will be discussed at the February meeting.
6. ARBOR DAY PLANS: The tentative date of May 8th has been chosen to celebrate Arbor Day with the 3rd grade classes at Lanesborough Elementary School. Jim will contact Robert Fraker to invite him to play guitar for a sing-along. Plans for this event will be discussed in February.

7. ANNUAL REPORT TO TOWN (Due February 26th) Jim has prepared a draft of the Committee's activities for inclusion in the Annual Report. It was reviewed and no changes were suggested. Jim has also submitted a budget request to Mr. Paul Seiloff, town manager, to increase the amount of monies from \$275.00 to \$500.00 based on the work and expenses of the committee.

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8. OTHER BUSINESS: Jim has asked committee members to track volunteer hours and in-kind expenses so that they can accurately be reflected in the annual Tree City Recertification application.

NEW MEMBERS: The Committee voted to accept Katharine Westwood as a member of this committee. Her name will be submitted to the Select Board.

Once approved by that body she will be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Jim is in contact with Jim Robards who is "still thinking about joining" and he has left messages with Roberta Parker. Nick is in contact with Maggie Siracusa who is also still "thinking about it." Hopefully they will be able to attend a meeting in the near future.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD, 4 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY

The meeting was ajourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne W. Pasko
Secretary