



METUCHEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

June 7, 2016 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Dorothy Rasmussen, Maggie Manza, Todd Pagel, Ushantha Govender, Franklin Ferrara and Thomas Thompson.

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM at 7:14pm

1st Todd and 2nd Frank.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

1st Maggie 2nd Frank.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. FARMERS' MARKET June 18th

Tree seedlings planted in pots, to be distributed at market.

Todd/Frank: 8am-11am with tree pick up.

Maggie/Ushantha: 11am-2:30pm

Todd: Will put together educational info

Dorothy: Will make copies of planting info

5. PLAN REVIEW WITH ZONING OFFICER, CHRIS CONSENZA:

Chris Cosenza wants STC to review all trees submitted for planting by contractors. Chris presented the following issues: 1) Has STC considered a planting scheme for each neighborhood is possible, i.e looking at a specific tree type for a specific part of town, 2) What is the course of action if a planted tree does not survive after planting? 3) Can we create a flip book of images of trees for Chris to use as a reference.

Dorothy says there maybe an ordinance or resolution to create a bond toward replacing the tree if the tree perishes after a specific number of years. Chris Cosenza wants to bond tree planting to expand tree protection.

6. ONGOING PLANTING:

A final draft of home-owner request letter needs to be sent to Dorothy for her review. STC members will mail letters to home-owners inquiring about interest. Sub-committee meeting scheduled on July 5th prior to regularly scheduled 7pm meeting to stuff letters.

7. RECOMMENDED SHADE TREE LIST:

Maggie updated the recommended list. Todd suggested that we abbreviate the list for the "Contractor suggested planting" list. STC members will review "tree species recommendation list", make changes to language and update tree species list.

8. UPDATES/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

- Ushantha 1st and Thomas 2nd at 8:28pm
- Next meeting is scheduled July 5, 2016 at 7pm at Borough Hall.