

**DATE: April 11, 2017**

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

### **1. Roll Call**

#### **In attendance:**

- Kristin Ace, Chair
- Jacqui Hyland
- John Mitchell
- Judy Prendergast
- Deb Regan (late)
- Michael Rockland, Member
- Guest Richard Wolowicz, Town Arborist

### **2. Statement of compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law)**

Chair Kristin Ace cited compliance with the O.P.M.A.

### **3. Review of Minutes: March**

March minutes were approved for posting

### **4. Public**

No members of the public in attendance

### **Agenda Item 5: Council Meeting**

The STC members interrupted their meeting to attend the regular scheduled meeting of the Morristown Council to receive the Arbor Day Proclamation.

The meeting resumed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room after Commission members left the Council meeting.

### **Agenda Item 6: Arborist Report**

- a. 44 Modera – Rich has not had time yet to get to the trees
- b. Ash Tree Removal – on schedule
- c. Burnham Park tree work –to be done in the next week
- d. tree gators – going on all trees next week

### **Agenda Item 7: Arbor Day Items - tree donations**

- JCP&L wants to donate 3 trees for Arbor Day. Details are being worked out.
- New Hampshire Company is also interested in making a donation for the Business District Tree Planting. Details are still being worked out.

### **Agenda Item 8: Emerald Ash Borer**

Kristin Ace sent Jacqui Hyland and Judy Prendergast the Emerald Ash Borer information to be distributed in the neighborhoods.

Richard Wolowicz's EAB Presentation to the Town Council was postponed due to technical difficulties with the projector

**Agenda Item 9: Ordinances**

Protection of Trees is in the hands of Jillian Barrick who will meet with town attorney to review. The value of trees ordinance should be at presented at the council meeting scheduled for April 25, 2017.

**CORE Training**

Judy Prendergast and John Mitchel attended and felt that the session was good and quite informative.

**Agenda Item 10: Arbor Day**

- Most Shade Tree Commission members indicated they will attend the April 22<sup>nd</sup> event;
- Kristin requested for all of us to be there at 9:00 to assist with the set up;
- Students did EAB info, and mulch volcano display;
- Refreshments planned: coffee, hot chocolate and cupcakes;
- Tents are being loaned by the Morristown Partnership;
- PR was sent out regarding the event and the seedlings;
- As plans unfolded for the event, TD Bank was being kept up to date;
- Lafayette Education Day is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>;
- As of now, water isn't available at site and DPW is to be responsible to water trees for the year. After many, many phone calls and conversations, a drip system going for the shrubbery will be installed;
- STC is responsible for maintaining the gardens until October;
- Brian from the school committed to assist in the weeding and watering;
- Jacqui will pick up the coffee for 4/22;
- Kristin and Deb will pick up the seedlings on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Action Updates:**

Speedwell private owners – tabled

Wells Fargo Parking Lot – tabled

**Miscellaneous:**

Kristin Ace asked the STC what the members expect to get out of this commission. She requested that everyone write a sentence or two and send it to her privately to explain what each member wants.

**Adjourn time:** Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.