

Minutes STC Special Meeting  
Rm. 201  
September 27, 2016

1. Roll Call: 7:05 pm

Members Present: Kristin Ace, Karl Roettger, Andree Jacobson, Deb Regan, Michael Rockland

Members Absence: Candy Beagles

Guests: Richard Wolowicz (forester), Jennifer Wehring (Dir. Of Marketing, Morristown Partnership)

2. Kristin read statement of compliance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.

3. Open public portion: Jennifer Wehring introduced herself to the STC and stated she was present to observe.

4. Business Rejuvenation Project:

a. Tree well placement in front of Guerrieros Restaurant (2)

2 Existing trees in front of Guerrieros Restaurant (an Oct. Glory Maple & a Gingko) identified as Tree #1 & Tree #2.

Motion made by K. Ace that both trees should remain as is in existing tree wells, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Regan:

A. Jacobson yes, D.Regan yes, M. Rockland, yes, K. Roettger, yes, K. Ace yes.  
Motion Passed.

b. Tree well placement in front of South Street Creamery (4)

Identified as trees # 1, #2 & #3 pear trees either dead or in irrecoverable decline. Tree #4 a pear tree appears in generally good condition.

Motion made by K. Ace to remove pear trees #1, #2, #3 and to re-position tree wells toward the curb in conformance with other South Street wells if feasible and to replant with new trees, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Roettger:

A., Jacobson yes, D. Regan, yes, M. Rockland, yes. K. Roettger, yes, K. Ace, yes.  
Motion Passed.

Tree #4. Discussion regarding health of tree and its removal. Forester R. Wolowicz was “on the fence” regarding the general health of this tree and could not definitively predict it’s future stability or longevity. Motion made by K. Ace to remove pear tree #4 and to re-position the tree well toward the curb in conformance with other South St, wells if feasible and to replant with a new tree, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Rockland:

A. Jacobson, Abstain, D. Regan, no, M. Rockland, no, K. Roettger, no, K. Ace, yes.  
Motion Failed.

c. Tree selection for open wells: Members suggested tree species for the forester's consideration: Sophora japonica., Ornamental Plum or Cherry var., Hardy Rubber, Am. Hornbeam, Styrax

jap., Lacebark Elm, Red Sunset Maple, Armstrong Maple, Okame Cherry, Yoshino Cherry.

d. Letter to business owners: Letter composed by Kristin and reviewed/edited by Jennifer Wehring presenting the downtown rejuvenation plan. Motion to adopt & distribute

made by K.Ace, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Rockland: A. Jacobson, yes, D. Regan, yes, M. Rockland, yes, K, Roettger, yes, K, Ace, yes. Motion Passed.

e. Presentation to Council: Motion made by K. Ace to present same letter to the town council, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Regan: A. Jacobson, yes, D. Regan, yes, M. Rockland, yes, K. Roettger, yes, K. Ace, yes. Motion Passed.

5. Tree Maintenance Plan for DPW & Jillian Barrack: R. Wolowicz summarized the details of his Tree Maintenance Plan draft. The importance that the maintenance pruning follow a systematic schedule was discussed. Also discussed was an upgraded system for logging in work. Motion to approve draft (not as a final copy) as provided to the STC made by K.Ace, motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Roettger: A. Jacobson, yes, D. Regan, yes, M. Rockland, yes, K. Roettger, yes, K. Ace, yes. Motion Passed.

6. MLK Streetscape Project. Motion by K. Ace to give R. Wolowicz decision making authority to act on behalf of the STC on the MLK Streetscadpe Project.

Special emphasis should be given to specifically plant a tree or shrubbery if at all possible at the corner of MLK & George St. in front of Verrilli's Bakery. motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Regan; A.

Jacobson, yes, D. Regan, yes, M. Rockland, yes, K. Roettger, yes, K. Ace, yes. Motion Passed

7. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:20 pm