

FAIR HAVEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

MAY 5, 2021

STANDARD PROCEDURE - START

1. Call to Order: 7:30pm by Paolo
2. Sunshine Law: Larsen
3. Roll Call: Present: Beganie, D'Angelo, Larsen, McCabe, Paolo, Reid, Sullivan,
Absent: Becker, Neff
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (April 7, 2021)

MEETING:

6. Project Updates:
 - a. Salem White Oak Seedlings (Paolo) – The STC has received the Salem White Oak seedling. D. Paolo will be maintaining at his home until it is ready for planting outdoors in approx 1 – 2 years. This seedling is from acorns harvested from the a 500 year old Salem White Oak that was 103' tall and had an approx crown of 104' wide. History maintains that John Fenwick signed a treaty with the NJ Native American Tribe the Leni Lenape under its branches in 1675.
 - b. Kwanzan Cherry Trees on Fair Haven Road – training session took place on April 29, 5:30pm. Town arborist Bill Brooks discussed long term plan on maintaining and replacing trees as needed. It was stressed that the town is in danger of losing these trees completely should the canopy bordering these in the Nature Area not be trimmed back to allow sunlight to reach the west side of the trees. STC will write up a proposal and submit the town council in the near future.
 - c. Tree Giveaway Initiative - Advertisement and information for this contest is now live on the town website. All residents wishing to participate can go to the site for information.
 - d. JCP&L Tree Trimming – D. Paolo spoke with town arborist Bill Brooks. Mr. Brooks stated he was pleased overall with the work Davey Tree Service had done. Project is complete.
 - e. Green Initiative – (A. Reid) Opportunities for resident to receive compost bins (Earth Machine) are available. Information is available through the Green Team.
 - f. Social Media – (Reid/Beganie) Work is being done to coordinate between STC and the town to avoid too much overlap between other commissions and platforms. L. Beganie stated she felt that the STC should have its own social media presence. A vote was taken

and the majority of the STC agreed to move forward with its own site.

- g. Arbor Day Poster Contest – (D’Angelo) There were nine submissions from one 4th grade class. There were no awards from last year due to the pandemic. It was decided to award a \$50 certificate to the winner of the 2020 contest and to a winner from this year.
- h. Big Tree Hunt – A. Reid reported the organizers were excited to hear Fair Haven was eager to be included and they will be keeping us informed of future events.
- i. Tree Risk Management – J. Sullivan reported that there does not need to be a major overhaul of the current methods of identifying and reporting hazard trees. There is a need to update the list of hazard trees.
- j. Buttonwood Replanting – No Updates, item to remain on agenda
- k. CEUs – Required 8 CEUs in total for the STC are needed every year. D. Paolo will research if we are able to get CEUs for the Kwanzan Cherry Tree training session.
- l. Website Page w/ Tree Suggestions – Neighboring towns do have native tree suggestions on their commission’s website. A. Reid will research and provide suggestions and guidance to put a similar page in place in Fair Haven. A. Cinquegrana pointed out the town tree removal ordinance does have replacement suggestions listed.

7. Public Participation:

- Resident Wendy Murphy discussed the tree she submitted to the Big Tree Hunt and the history of the property on which the tree stands.
- Resident Mark Olson of the FH Natural Area Committee discussed the need to clean up the debris, garbage, brush and vines in the area surrounding the path from FH Fields to Third Street. Mr. Olson further discussed forming a coalition to build awareness and to rehab the area.
- Resident Bonnie Torcivia spoke further on the area discussed by Mr. Olson and the with the invasive species in the area. Ms. Torcivia commended Ms. Murphy on her research and submittal to the Big Tree Hunt. Ms. Torcivia recommended two large oak trees on Hance be recognized and emphasized the need to educate people on the importance of large trees with regards to shade and soaking up water.
- Resident Susan O’Brien pointed out that there was a June STC meeting already scheduled. Ms. O’Brien attended the training session at the Kwanzan Cherry Tree site and found it Interesting.

8. Proposed New Agenda Items:

STANDARD PROCEDURE - END

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm

Next Meeting: June 2, 2021