

Atlantic Highlands Shade Tree Commission
Reorganization Meeting - January 14, 2014
Borough Hall Conference Room – 7:00 PM

Louise Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Marilyn Scherfen, Frances Hogan, Bill Thorne and Mary Thompson

Excused Kate Wigginton

Mrs. Donoghue extended a welcome to Frances Hogan, newly appointed to the Shade Tree Commission.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Marilyn Scherfen and seconded by Bill Thorne. All who had attended the November meeting voted to accept the minutes with one spelling correction.

Treasurers Report: The balance, as of December 14, 2014, was \$2,809.92. There was no activity during the month. Louise Donoghue will talk to Adam Hubeny about this year's budget.

A motion was made by Marilyn Scherfen, seconded by Frances Hogan to accept the report. A vote was taken and passed unanimously

The 2014 Calendar was presented and approved as corrected. It will be sent to the Town Clerk for posting.

Election: The Slate for 2014 was offered as follows: Chair: Louise Donoghue; Vice Chair: Marilyn Scherfen; Treasurer: Bill Thorne; Secretary: Mary Thompson. A vote was taken and all in attendance voted to accept the slate as presented.

Old business: Jim Krauss from the Environmental Committee informed the Commission that a decision was made to not form an ad hoc committee to oversee the steep slope issue on Ocean Avenue. Louise Donoghue volunteered to help if the situation changes.

Tribute trees were discussed. Half the plaques are in place and the rest will be placed in spring.

New Business: Core training was discussed for 2014. Frances Hogan and Regina Keelen still need to be core trained.

Arbor Day April 25th was discussed. The seedlings will be ordered. Any extras will be given out at the Chamber of Commerce Farmers' Market. Louise Donoghue will do a presentation about Arbor Day at the Library. The Commission will hold the usual Poster Contest. It was suggested that a contest for next year's slogan be held in September. Marilyn Scherfen will talk to Carolyn Northrop at Atlantic Highlands Elementary School as well as the art teacher at Mother Theresa Regional School. The judging will take place at the regular meeting on April 8th. The 4th of April will be the deadline for poster submissions. Mary Thompson will request the Borough Proclamation for presentation at the Council's April 9th meeting. Tribute trees were discussed and suggestions made for this year's honorees. First responders were mentioned as possible candidates. The decision was tabled until next month. Discussion followed about trees. Bill Thorne suggested various trees, including Elm. Marilyn Scherfen said that Paul at Chapel Hill Nursery does not suggest London Planes or Sycamores. He recommends Yellowwood, the Kentucky Coffee Tree or Thornless Honey Locusts. Trees that need replacement or moving were discussed, including the Bernie Frotton and Helen Marchetti trees. Louise Donoghue will talk to Adam Hubeny about moving Helen Marchetti's tree to the front of Borough Hall. Discussion followed.

There were no public comments.

Marilyn Scherfen made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Bill Thorne. All voted to accept the motion at 9 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thompson, Secretary