

**Shade Tree Commission Meeting**  
**March 10, 2015 7:00 PM**  
**Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room**  
**100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716**

**In attendance:** Louise Donoghue, Bill Thorne, Marilyn Scherfen, Fran Hogan and Mary Thompson.

Mrs. Donoghue opened the meeting at 7:05 PM in accordance with the sunshine law.

**The Minutes** from the February meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Louise Donoghue and seconded by Bill Thorne to accept them as written. All who had been in attendance at that meeting voted in favor of acceptance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Thorne distributed a Treasurer's Report. The balance in the account was \$2168.59. The only outstanding bill is the one for Hometown Forests. Mary Thompson made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Louise Donoghue. All voted in favor of acceptance.

**Tree City Update:** Mary Thompson will write a letter to Alec McCartney re: status of Growth Award.

**New Business:** The offer by the State's Tree Recovery Program was discussed. After discussion, it was decided that the STC would not participate.

**Arbor Day:** The proclamation for Arbor Day was requested.

Carolyn Northrup (AHES) suggested that the STC purchase poster board for the submissions. Marilyn Scherfen offered to donate the paper. The prizes were discussed, as well as a tree planted in their honor in a National Forest. The first judging will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by a second on April 14<sup>th</sup> after the regular meeting.

Mrs. Donoghue will conduct a program at the library and she will order 100 tublings for distribution.

The tree planting was discussed. Mary Thompson will create a flyer and the formal invitations. She will give the invitations to Mrs. Donoghue for mailing to Mrs. Scott's list.

Mrs. Donoghue will conduct the program. The location will be on the corner of Hennessey Boulevard and Bay Avenue. A reception will follow after the planting at the Senior Center. Fran Hogan will talk to Paul at Chapel Hill Nursery about a salt tolerant variety. The tree should cost no more than \$300.00.

**Old Business:** The Commission complimented Bill Thorne on all his hard work with the town website and Facebook page.

Discussion took place about the tree inventory and it was decided to wait at least another month until the trees are in bloom to start the identification process.

The files that are housed at Mr. Scott's house were discussed. They will be picked up by the Borough workers and placed in the "Vanilla Box".

Adam Hubeny joined the meeting and discussion took place about planting trees along Hennessey Boulevard.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Scherfen, seconded by Fran Hogan and accepted by all those present.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Thompson.