

**Shade Tree Commission Meeting**  
**March 8, 2016**  
**Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room**  
**100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716**

**In Attendance:** Louise Donoghue, Mary Wall, Bill Thorne, Kate Wigginton, Lori Montana, member of the public: Theresa (no last name given). The meeting was called to order by Louise Donoghue at 7:03 P.M.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Opening Balance – February 10, 2016: \$638.41

Closing Balance – March 8, 2016: \$2,898.41

Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion was made by Mary Wall, seconded by Kate Wigginton. All in attendance agreed.

**The Minutes:** The date was changed on the closing balance of the treasurer's report to February 10. The correction was made at the meeting and the minutes were approved. Bill Thorne made the motion, Mary Wall seconded it. All in attendance agreed.

**Correspondence:** Membership cards for the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation were given out.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The spring planting will be at AHES on Friday, April 29. Trees for Tomorrow poster judging will be held at the next meeting on April 12.

Marilyn Scherfen, Louise Donoghue, and Kate Wigginton are registered for the seminar on March 25.

Carrie Sergeant is our new contact person at the State Forest Service. Her number is: 609 633-2320

Mayor Randi will read the Arbor Day proclamation during the town council meeting on April 13. Lori Montana will speak to Dwayne Harris about preparing it.

Marilyn Scherfen is ordering the trees for the planting at AHES.

The commission decided to give Caroline Northrop an award and a \$50.00 gift card to an art supply store and to thank her for her support and help with the poster contest. All in attendance agreed. Kate Wigginton will decide which store and Louise will design the award.

**Public Comment:** Theresa (no last name given), attended the meeting. She is a resident of King James Court which backs onto Many Mind Creek. There is an erosion problem

and her condo association would like to build a retaining wall. Theresa is concerned about the wall and would like to have a natural alternative. Commission members told Theresa that we are only responsible for public land and made a few suggestions as to who to contact about her concerns.

The motion was made to adjourn at 8:14 P.M. by Louise Donoghue, seconded by Mary Wall, all in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Montana