



Attending Committee Members: Mary Hogue (Chair), Jeff Minder (Tree Warden), Joe File, Geoff Steadman, Tom Corell, Nan Nelson, Dave McMahon and by phone, Misty Beyer. Chris Donnelly, the Urban Forest Coordinator for the State of Connecticut attended the meeting by phone.

Minutes: The Minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Electric Utility’s Enhanced Tree Trimming (ETT) Program:

Jeff Minder reported that United Illuminating (UI), the electric distribution company that services Fairfield, has still not completed its work on the 2017 ETT Program. While the work along Stillson and North Benson Roads has been finished, the work on Burr Street is still in progress and the work on Congress Street has not yet begun. UI has provided a list of Town streets and roads along approximately 40 miles of which it proposes to work for its 2018 ETT Program. However, since UI has not yet provided the Town with a list of the specific sections of these streets and roads on which it plans to work, no timetables or work schedules have been established and work on trees has not yet begun.

Tree Planting Program (TPP):

Jeff Minder reported that he has sent a request for bids to a number of suppliers for trees for the 2018 TPP. Replies are expected in early March, at which time the final list of trees to be purchased will be created and an order for their purchase will be submitted.

Tom Corell reported that he and Joe File had met with representatives of the Eastlawn Street area of Town who are interested promoting the TPP in that neighborhood including distribution of TPP information and the establishment of “Street Captains” for communications with the residents. The Committee is updating its TPP Brochure for dissemination to this and other areas of The Town that are believed to be in need of street trees.

Tom Corell also reported that a follow-up survey of the health of the trees planted in the 2017 TPP will be done in the spring after the trees have fully leafed out.

Commemorative Tree Program (CTP):

Nan Nelson reported that she has standardized the form of the Contract to be signed by those purchasing a tree to be planted on Town property under the CTP and that she is developing standardized procedures and forms to be used in communicating and working with them.

Other:



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Mary Hogue will invite Jim Wendt, Fairfield Director of Planning, to an upcoming FFC meeting to discuss the FFC's Community Forestry Management Plan and the work of the FFC to be included in the discussions and consideration of the Town's Plan for Conservation and Development (POCD) which is required to be updated/amended ever 10 years by state statute.

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Joe File