

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL BY THE FAIRFIELD FORESTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

Fairfield Forestry Committee
April 12th, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Minutes of the Forestry Committee

The Fairfield Forestry Committee of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on April 12th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Jennings Room at the Fairfield Public Library, Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Misty Beyer, Chairman; Alyssa Israel, Secretary; Sarah Levy, Public Health Educator; Ken Placko, Tree Warden; Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Mary Hogue, Master Gardener. **ABSENT:** Maureen Graney, Nancy Jessup.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Unanimous approval with one correction: The Fairfield Forestry Committee's posters will be on display at the Fairfield Public Library from April 16-30th, 2012.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Friday, April 20th, 2:00 p.m. Fairfield's Arbor Day Celebration at 540 Hoyden's Lane.** The town will plant 100 American Chestnuts at the Parsell property near the new girls' softball field. Geoff will write the press release for the event.
- **April 28th, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. Earth Day at Andrew Warde.** Items needed for the display:
 - Business cards and Commemorative Tree brochures.
 - Tree Care Book.
 - Sign-up sheets for inventory.
 - Live tree.
 - Doug Williams from Bartlett Tree Experts will do a Q&A at the table.
 - Tree quiz for Earth Day.
- **Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wilton/Norwalk Tree Festival.** Geoff will post the FFC display. Volunteers are needed to man the table.
- **June 14th – 16th, The Meskwaka Tree Project at Connecticut College:** A free training for selected volunteer community leaders, innovators and activists so they may develop new or enhance existing programs and organizations. For further information, call (860) 570-9257.
- **Dates TBD: UI Response to Storms and Tree ID training.**

FAIRFIELD TREE SURVEY: More volunteers are needed to complete 43 additional maps. A Tree ID seminar is planned for May (date TBD). Properly filling out the forms will be a key component of the training. Ken will purchase 6 *Tree Identification Books* by George Symonds for the tree ID teams. He has \$500 in grant money which can be used for this purpose. Mary has kindly offered to do all the new data entry.

STREET AND COMMEMORATIVE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM: The high cost of engraving plaques was discussed. As an alternative, Misty suggested a permanent photo-book at the Fairfield History Center to showcase all of the commemorative trees that have been planted. An online presence might also be possible. Alyssa will work on adding the Street Tree program to the Commemorative Tree brochure to avoid confusion between the two programs.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- ConnDOT held a meeting in Fairfield about the Merritt Parkway Greenway multi-use trail feasibility study. Impacts on trees and wetlands will be highlighted in the study.
- Sarah recommended a book she recently borrowed from the library entitled “Landscaping for Privacy.”
- Misty will send list of notable trees to Alyssa and Sarah for the new “Path to Health” planned for Greenfield Hill. Misty suggested Audubon Lane and Congress Street to the Aspetuck Land Trust sanctuary as a potential walking route.
- Mary will speak on a panel at the Connecticut Audubon tonight about the next generation of environmentalists.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 10th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Jennings Room at the Fairfield Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Israel