

Present: C. Geiser, B. Critchley, J. Barnett, H. Birdsall, B. Sutcliffe
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.
The October minutes were approved.
There was no Treasury report.

Old Business

A. Art Show: C. Geiser thanked everyone involved in the collection and set up of the show. Art take down and return is Friday November 30 and B. Critchley will supervise. Ballots for the Best in Show will be tallied on Friday and a gift card to either Van Wilgens or Grove Garden will be purchased for the winner. B. Critchley will submit an article to the Clinton Events publication.

B. Tree Tags: B. Critchley reported that tree tags for general Tree Committee identification have been purchased and will be shipped in December. Tags will be able to be hung or screwed into trees, these materials can be purchased locally.

C. Main Street planting plan: J. Barnett reported that the sub-committee has not met to finish.

D. Tree Walk status: The committee will meet over the winter to walk the Town Hall and Elliott Preserve properties again. A date was not chosen. B. Critchley reported that she has contacted the Land Trust and is waiting to hear back.

E. Firehouse Tree status: C. Geiser reported that she will return the damaged dogwood to Van Wilgens. It was infested with webworms.

F. New Morgan School trees: B. Sutcliffe reported that he spoke with Sally Heffernan. There was discussion about how to protect the trees. J. Barnett will contact Mr Luther at the high school to determine if the Environmental Club would be interested in working on a joint project to mulch and weed around the trees. There was also discussion about whether or not the trees have been inventoried and if not yet, they should be. Perhaps there is a list identifying the planted trees with the school development plan? Someone should inquire about this in the future.

New Business

A. Calendar: planned meeting schedule for 2019. 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/20, 9/23, 10/28, and 11/25.

B. 2019 Arbor Day: There was discussion about possible locations to plant the tree. B. Critchley suggested the Elliott preserve; permission will need to be sought from the Land Trust. With the closing of the Pierson School, it will be the last year that students will be able to attend from the school. Perhaps someone can contact Dana Skidmore directly this year?

C. Other: There was discussion about the Nov. 11 article in The Harbor News about the local tree gypsy moth infestations. In addition, B. Sutcliffe mentioned that the tree planted at Patricia's house need to be trimmed. He will do this for the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Critchley, secretary