5:36 – meeting was called to order

Present: Carol Geiser, Jane Barnett, Julie and Terry Clark, Bill Sutcliffe, Diane Brennan, Hugh Birdsall

Secretary's Report - Minutes approved as amended

Tree Planted on Dan Vece Way

Carol needs a bill for the tree from Bill Bill and Terry were thanked for planting the tree. Carol said the tree looks great.

Garden Club has, once again, offered to purchase a tree for us. There is a stump on Farmers St. across from P.O. DPW will remove stump and we will plant tree. Carol will ask the Garden Club to plant a tree there and, hopefully, they will be able to work with Public Works to remove the stump. We discussed the possibility of this being our next Arbor Day tree. A Star Magnolia was suggested. Carol will look into it.

We would like to have a representative from Planning and Zoning come to a Tree Committee meeting to talk to us about regulations. What are the regs about size of trees, types of trees, can the town clear cut trees? Jane will email the Chair of Planning and Zoning to see if they will attend our meeting on February 28th. We will put together questions prior to their visit. If they are unable to attend, one of us may go to a Planning Meeting to ask questions there.

Carol brought up the idea of photographing all of our Arbor Day trees. Diane offered to be in charge of this project. Julie and Jane offered to help photograph the trees. There are 19 Arbor Day trees. Carol will send out the list of trees. It was suggested that they be posted on our FB page.

For our next meeting it was suggested that we think of more places to plant.

Formal Tree Walk – Saturday, May 14th @ 10 am

This will be confirmed. We will invite the community. We will publicize on FB and in the newspaper. It was suggested that we supply refreshments to entice people to come. We will continue this conversation in February.

Next Monday, January 31st there will be an All Boards Meeting. Carol will send us the link.

Hugh spoke about the Sustainability Committee being interested in forming a partnership with an urban group to plant trees in an area where they are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm