



Meeting Notes

January 31, 2019 5:00 PM

Mulberry House lower level, 62-70 West Main Street, Middletown, NY

Attendees: *Barbara Bonham, Renee Stover, Kirsten Gabrielsen, Mary Ellen O'Neill, Fred Isseks*

Old Business

Review of 2019 Calendar for of Events. Once we agree and have needed confirmations we will post the information on the City's website and on Facebook.

Arbor Day Celebration. Barbara has reserved the back part of Davidge Park for Saturday September 21st.

Various informational tables were discussed and the following suggestions were made:

- Pruning workshop: Shade Tree Committee members, Kate Honders and Alan Lewis
- Audubon Society – Bird friendly landscape information: Renee will reach out to Melissa Peterson from the Orange County Audubon group.
- Ask a Master Gardener table – Invasive insects and Trees: Barbara will reach out to Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Orange County Soil and Water – Green Infrastructure: Kirsten will reach out to Kevin Sumner.

Also discussed was the planting of a tree in the Davidge Park. More to follow on this.

Tree Keeper: The issue of appropriate use of the Tree Keeper software hinges on cooperation from the City. The need for a City point-person and someone taking "ownership" of using the software is a sticking point.

New Business

PR for Middletown Shade Tree Committee: Various ideas were shared:

- Various clothing items with the STC logo – Committee will investigate.
- Raffle for Arbor Day. Prizes could include playing cards with trees, bookmarks, clothing etc.
- Calendar of Events to be shared at events

Work Sessions: Discussion ensued as to scheduling work sessions. Should this be a regular monthly event or be scheduled depending on identified needs?

Volunteers: Barbara will develop a spread sheet which will include potential volunteers, their skill sets and contact information. Sign-up sheets will be available at events.

ReLeaf Status: Planning of the July 18-20 ReLeaf Conference continues. Barbara and Mary Ellen regularly attend planning meetings. The group is still waiting for a possible commitment from Andrew Revkin to speak.

NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2019 at 5 PM. Location will be at the Mulberry House lower level, 62-70 West Main Street, Middletown, NY

Respectfully submitted by Kirsten Gabrielsen