COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Agenda
February 1, 2024, 7 P.M.
2 Veterans Way (Library Meeting Room)
Colts Neck Township

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Salute to the Flag**

3. **Sunshine Law Notice –** *The following notice to be read by the Secretary.*

   "THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY NOTICING THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE TWO RIVER TIMES ON JANUARY 23, 2024 STATING THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION WOULD BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M., AT THE COLTS NECK LIBRARY, 2 VETERANS WAY, COLTS NECK. A COPY IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK."

4. **Roll Call**
   LIAISON COMMITTEEMAN JP BARTOLOMEO
   EILEEN STIVALA
   LAURA RILEY
   PATRICIA EASTMAN
   ALLAN RYAN
   TINA FREEDMAN
   HENRY HAMMOND
   JOHN CLEMENTE
   DINA RYAN

5. **Approval of Minutes** October 5, 2023

   Comments?
   Motion to Approve
   Second
   Roll Call

6. **Discussion Items**

   -Chairperson

   -Colts Neck ordinance Chapter 62 and amending Ordinance 2022-15 – for review by Commission

   Per Laura Riley:

Recertification as a Tree City status

- make a motion to pick a town property to renew as a project and see if we can get a local nursery to donate some type of trees

-pick a specific date to visit the arboretum and give a status report if there are any concerns that Lou Bader could help with

-at one time there were public requests for trees to be planted at 5 Points to provide shade near the bleachers (do we know the status on that?)

- develop some ideas based on Atlantic Highland's Community Forestry Management Plan (attached)

-as of 1/22/24, application for Tree City USA has been approved by state coordinator; pending Arbor Day Foundation Review.

Per Tina Freedman – See various items circulated, per Tina Freedman's request. Any questions/comments/updates on those materials?

Per Eileen Stivala: Re: SEEDLINGS GIVE-AWAY:

Following are the comments from the Forestry Service: "Will have a limited number of trees this year with people retiring our staff at the nursery is very small how much we can plant is limited, so will have less trees than in the past. I have set aside some great trees just for the TRC so the quality and diversity will be the same. Exciting new addition this is yellowwood a medium size tree. For those who remember that we started to recover from the supper storm Irene and hurricane Sandy. Now we have had many damaging events that are now part of the campaign including Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Spotted Lantern Fly (SLF), and some very damaging tornados this summer all causing major harm to New Jersey's community forests. Getting these trees to residents will greatly help in reducing the catastrophic loss of trees our communities have felt."

So – with that stated .... Eileen ordered 600-700 seedlings. Let's see what we can get. It's the same amount ordered last year and we wound up with 200.

Date is posted by towns at the NJ Forestry Service. It will be Saturday April 27, 2024 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Bucks Mill Community Building. This could change due to pickup date of the seedlings which I do not know as of yet. But this is close to Arbor Day.

-Bartlett Tree proposal

7. **Old Business –**

8. **New Business**
    a. Approval of 2024 meeting schedule, as follows:
    February 1
    March 7
    April 4
    May 2
    June 6
    July 11 (second Thursday due to July 4th holiday)
    August 1
    September 5
    October 3
    November 7
    December 5

    B. Oaths of Office: Patricia Eastman, John Clemente, Dina Ryan

    C. No plans for review.

9. **Comments from the Public**

    Motion to Open Public Comment
    Second
    All in Favor

    Motion to Close Public Comment
    Second
    All in Favor

10. **Adjournment**

    Motion to Adjourn
    Second
    All in Favor

The next Shade Tree Commission Meeting will be
Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7 PM
2 Veterans Way (Library Meeting Room), Colts Neck Township