

**Tree Committee
Ridgefield, Connecticut**

February 6, 2009

Ridgefield Tree Committee Minutes / January 21, 2009 meeting

**Present: David Andry, Nancy Boersma, Will Molyneux, John Pinchbeck,
Vicki Yolen**

Absent: Tom Venus, Joe Eltz, Priscilla Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 4:45pm

The minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed

The Treasurer, David Andry, reported that the Tree Committee fund totals \$ 2,487.65.

Notable Tree Report:

- Will, John and Vicki will discuss additional species for the publication. They will make special note of trees that we have in town that might be suitable for 'Notable' status. Examples would be the Magnolia in West Mtn Estates, Black Topola off Rt. 102 (Jefferson St) or the Weeping Elm on Manor Rd.

Town Projects Update (Nancy)

- The construction from of the new Walgreens on Danbury Rd. to South St. will be reviewed by Nancy with Mr. Marconi.
- Nancy will also discuss the planting of a memorial tree to Anne Richardson in the spring. Funds are already in the Tree Committee account to fund this project.
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Tree Wardens Report (John):

- John has submitted his operational budget for 2009 to the Board of Selectman with a zero percent increase.
- John distributed photos of the damage incurred in town from the most recent ice storm. The damage was significant and reinforced the need for ongoing maintenance of our town trees. It was stated that damage was lighter than in other towns because of John's continuing effort of maintaining town trees.

Arbor Day (Vicki):

- Vicki reported on her stellar work on the Arbor Day Bio-diversity Symposium.
 - The press release has been written and will appear in local publications as the time gets near

 - Vicki also gave an update in the sponsors she has garnered to date and sees no reason why the event, from a sponsor point of view, will not be sold out. To date she has 21 of 35 spaces sold.

Old Business - There was nothing to report.

New Business - There was nothing to report.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David C Andry – Tree Committee member

***** Next meeting – February 18, 2009 *****