

Beech Mountain Tree Board

Beech Mountain Tree Board Minutes December 10, 2008

- I. ***Call to Order*** – Chairperson Renee Castiglione called the meeting of the Beech Mountain Tree Board to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Present were Board members Marge Bailey, Rory Ellington and Peter Patton. Also present were Interim Town Manager Joe H. Perry and Councilman Pete Chamberlin.
- II. ***Approval of Minutes*** – Mrs. Bailey moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2008 as presented. Mr. Ellington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. ***Update on Tree Seedlings & Partnering with Nurseries*** – Mr. Ellington indicated that he had researched the type of trees that would do well on the mountain. After a lengthy discussion, Chairperson Castiglione asked that the list be narrowed down to 15 to 20 trees for the Board to consider. Mr. Patton suggested that the fall colors, shade and water shed be considered when choosing the tree list. Mr. Ellington noted that he would start soil testing in the various zones when weather permitted.
- IV. ***Newsletter*** – Chairperson Castiglione asked the Board for suggestions on a Newsletter from the Board. Mr. Ellington suggested the newsletter include tips for proper tree care at the time the newsletter is released. Mr. Patton recommended an article on the treatment of hemlock a property owner could do himself. Mr. Ellington agreed to get further information on the topic to pass on to Chairperson Castiglione. Mr. Chamberlin suggested information on the tree cutting ordinance. Chairperson Castiglione felt the topic should be in every edition of the newsletter and recommended the publication be quarterly. The progress on the Town becoming a ‘Tree City USA’ article would also be included in the newsletter.
- V. ***Website*** – Chairperson Castiglione reported that she had discussed the web site with Mayor Owen. She was proceeding with the design and it would be linked to the Town’s web site. Information to be on the web site would include; 1. How to save your hemlocks, 2. In season what to do as a homeowner, 3. A list of trees that will do well on the mountain.

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- VI. ***Schedule Meeting – Review of Ordinances*** – Chairperson Castiglione suggested the workshop be scheduled after the first of the year. Mr. Patton requested that it be held on a day that he was off work. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to meet on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- VII. ***Other Business*** – Mr. Patton asked about the deadline to become a ‘Tree City’ Mr. Perry was asked to check into it the status of the Tree City and to verify receipt of the funds the Town was to receive. Mr. Perry was also asked to have Stan Hanna, Director of Inspections, to attend the January 5th meeting. Mr. Perry reported that arrangements had been made to take down a dead below Lake Coffey. Hunter’s Tree Service will do the work.
- VIII. ***Adjourn*** – Mrs. Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Mr. Ellington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba Greene
Town Clerk