

**Shade Tree Commission Meeting**  
**February 11, 2014 7:00 PM**  
**Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall Conference Room**  
**100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716**

In attendance: Louise Donoghue, Mary Wall, Regina Keelen, Fran Hogan, Mary Thompson

Excused: Marilyn Scherfen, Kate Wigginton and Bill Thorne

Mrs. Donoghue opened the meeting at 7:05 PM

The January minutes were read and a motion was made by Fran Hogan, seconded by Regina Keelen to approve them as written. The motion was approved by all those who had attended the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Thorne could not attend the meeting and the report was tabled until next month.

Old Business: Memorial trees were discussed. Louise Donoghue spoke to Adam Hubeny. He suggested that an appropriate spot for a memorial tree to "first responders" would be on the First Aid side of the Emergency Services Building. Regina Keelen suggested that the Harbor be considered as well. She added that a tree by the Harbor sign should be considered. Discussion followed. It was suggested that Bill Thorne select the species.

Budget: It is estimated that the amount will be about \$13,500. Outstanding bills due are \$95.00 for Shade Tree Federation dues and \$1,200.00 for Chapel Hill Nursery.

Arbor Day: Submissions for the Poster Contest will be due by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Scherfen has talked to the art teacher at Mother Teresa Regional Elementary School. Louise Donoghue will present an Arbor Day program at the Library on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Tublings will be purchase for distribution at Arbor Day festivities. Mary Wall will send a picture to the secretary of the Tubling that her family planted years ago that has grown to maturity. It can be used as an example of how, when planted properly, the tubling can grow to be an impressive specimen.

New Business: It was suggested that the STC apply for the Mayor's Ball grant. Louise Donoghue has submitted a grant to Enterprise for additional tree planting. Discussion followed.

It was reported that the town received a grant to put pavers on the trail in the Harbor (by the tennis courts). Lights and trees like the ones on First Avenue will also be installed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Regina Keelen and seconded by Mary Wall. All agreed and the meeting was ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thompson