

Tree committee

March 21, 2012, Mason Library

Chair Dennis Gibbons called the meeting to order at 5:30 [5:15?]. Present were committee members Gibbons, Okerstrom-Lang, Wise, Hankin, Bozzuto, [2 others], and Joe Sokul

The principal business of this meeting was to discuss the list of plans for plantings using National Grid funds. Joe Sokul advised that the list will go into the bid. The town will try to get all of these locations into the bid, but prioritize should be set in case the bid can't cover all of them. The bid specifications will call for 2.5-3 inch caliper and a one year guarantee. The tender will go into the register next week, to appear for bid April 4.

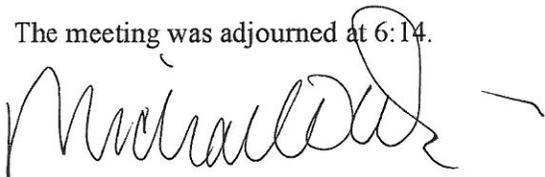
After discussion, the Committee recommended the following plantings for the listed locations:

1. Wainright: Pin Oak, Three Flowered Maple, 'Accolade' Cherry
2. West Ave. & South St: 2 'Jefferson' Elms *
3. 58 South St: Tupelo *
4. Hollenbeck: Red Oak, Ginkgo
5. 50 Castle Hill: Tupelo
6. Park St: Tulip Tree, Red Oak, Sophora
7. Everett & East: 2 Sargent Cherry
8. 17 East St: 2 Scarlet Oaks
9. Pleasant St. N (Hous): American Elm
10. Depot St (Hous): 2 Shads, 'Oct. Glory' Red Maple
11. Depot St (Hous PO): Crabapple, Pin Oak
12. Main No. & Front (Hous): American Elm
13. 138 No. Plain Rd/Abby Hill: Red Oak, Sycamore, Tulip Tree
14. No. Plain Rd. GB Park: Chinkapin Oak, 'Aristocrat' Pear
15. No. Plain Rd. Berkshire Meadow: Scarlet Oak
16. 178 Main St: No Planting
17. Everett & Cottage: Tupelo

*remove/grind stumps

Gilmore Avenue plans were raised by Okerstron-Lang. He noted that recent storms did not harm the big trees there and asked Joe Sokul whether the town could prune them rather than assume they have to be removed. Sokul said that the town is negotiating now about a long-term lease on the court house, and when that is concluded work will need to be done on Gilmore, which will affect the trees. Because the town should have a plan about those trees; he had raised the situation with this committee in order to start a conversation about them. The town is dealing with the neighbors about traffic and other issues. Joe would prefer to remove the sidewalk. Okerstron-Lang suggested some traffic-calming elements in the street design, working around the trees. Gibbons proposed to check the area with Steve Adams, who is a certified arborist, to evaluate the trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Miranda", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.