

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes of October 14, 2020**

Members present: Chris Capodanno, Sandy Batty, Lucas Stelling, Phyllis Deering
Borough Council liaison: Lauren Barnett
Student members: Rebecca Hershfeld, Jackie Edwards,
Guest: Andrew Armani

Minutes The September Meeting Minutes approved as written, moved by Chris and seconded by Lucas. All in favor.

Tree Inventory Database & Work Order System Members should be entering their information on the Excel spreadsheet that Chris sent out. Send completed information to Chris and he will paste into a master list.

Prune & Remove Status 2020 Members have been doing their walks. We need to finish up in the next month. Andrew Armani will do the area above Morris, with STC members accompanying him.

Tree Planting 2020 Lucas found about 100 potential locations in the rights of way for planting trees. Our budget allows for planting as many as 40 trees. Lucas gave the list of potential sites to Mitchell Stern for the Borough send a letter to homeowners to inquire about their interest.

The DPW committee discussed trees for the Birchwood parking lot. Smaller trees, such as hawthorn, will work well there.

Chris and Lucas met with Ryan Dunn of the Board of Ed to discuss trees on school property. They agreed on replacement trees for Briarcliff School, and will wait till construction is completed at the High School to discuss locations for trees there.

Development Projects The Planning Board is scheduled to consider the Highview application for the Zeri's property in October, in person at the Mansion.

Route 46 Landscaping Improvement Committee The Environmental Commission and members of the STC met to discuss improving landscaping on Route 46. Chris and Sandy followed up by looking at potential sites in the median for tree planting.

The Sunrise Assisted Living paid about \$14,000 for trees removed. Sandy drafted a letter for STC to ask the Council for the money to be deposited in the Tree Trust Fund. As the STC members approved the letter, she will send it for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Budgeting Chris will be preparing a budget request for 2021 to be submitted in November. He will ask for addition tree planting funds.

Liaison updates MLHS Student Liaison (Jackie/Rebecca) The Mtn Lakes High School

Botanical Garden is on hold right now because the High School was not meeting in person.

New Member The members voted to recommend Andrew Armani to the Council to be approved as a new member of the STC