

## Town of Oriental

### Tree Board Meeting

May 7, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held on Tuesday May 7, 2013 at Town Hall. Those in attendance, Bob Miller, Ken King, Dick Creighton, Toni Leavitt, Bob Andrews, Rob. Barefoot, Commissioner Barb Venturi and Jason Collette, Superintendent of Public Works.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

#### Old Business:

The County has determined the tree in front of 615 Ragan Rd. should be removed as it is directly over the sewer line. Roots have entered a break in the sewer line.

Planting sites have been established on Broad St. 3 in front of Town Hall and 4 on the opposite side of the street. The State Forester recommended single trunk crepe myrtles as this is a State right away.

The Dorothy Whipple Tree is to remain at the present location at this time. To relocate the tree would require a large tree spade.

Chairman Bob Miller advised Barb Barden is donating \$25.00 per month for the unrestricted use of the Tree Board.

Ken King met with Parks and Recs. at the Factory and Neuse park site to discuss possible improvements to this area.

Jason Collette Super. Pub. Wks. explained the spraying program being carried out by the town crew. This program has many residents concerned.

The pruning of the trees in the Rec. Park is nearing completion. We should be able to complete the job on Thursday May 9, starting at 8:30 AM.

Chairman Bob Miller advised Jason Collette that before an area is cleared of brush, the Tree Board be notified so good trees can be flagged.

#### New Business:

Town Hall landscaping—Willow oaks in the back of building are to remain. The parking area is going to be changed to minimize stress on the trees.

Ken King submitted a bill for \$400.00 for trees he purchased. Rob Barefoot moved the bill be paid second by Toni Leavitt. Motion was carried. There will be additional expenses of \$500 to \$700., when tree stock comes available.

The cluster of clover at the base of the trees in the rec. park has been cut by the town crew. Chairman Miller wanted the clover to remain to see how it controlled the weeds. This was not communicated to the Town in time. It was felt that next year we should leave the clover on a few trees to see what happens.

There will be a 2 day Forestry conference held in August in Wilmington NC. More information will follow.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Andrews

Secretary



