

Oriental Tree Board

Regular Meeting

August 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held on Tuesday August 6, 2013 at Town Hall. Those in attendance were Bob Miller, Ken King, Bob Andrews, Toni Leavitt, Lynne Kaplan, Commissioner Barb Venturi and Jason Collette Supervisor Public Works. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairman Miller.

Old Business— The Dorothy Whipple Tree will be moved to the Town Hall Complex as soon as practical.

Discussion held on the final draft of the Town of Oriental Dept. of Public Works Spray Policy. Minor changes made to clarify intent. Chairman Miller to attend the Aug.6, 2013 commissioner's meeting to field any questions.

Safety Vests-Toni Leavitt moved we purchase 10 lime green vests. 2nd by Ken King, motion carried. The Pigeon Hole will be able to sew a patch on the back, identifying the Tree Board. Estimated cost is \$250.00. The logo patch will be designed by Toni and Lynne.

New Business-Ken King advised, mower damage is appearing on some trees, particularly in the Rec Park. Chairman Miller thought it would be important to make the citizens of Oriental aware of mower damage and the health of their trees, through an article in Town Dock.

Winter Planting- Ken King asked for suggested planting sites. The winter planting will start in October.

Brush cutting-Tree Preservation Removal Notification- Chairman Miller to prepare a policy for approval of the Tree Board to be sent to the Town Manager. This is to establish a policy for present and future brush cutting, so good trees can be identified beforehand.

New Inventory- App is now available for an I pad to compile an inventory. Chairman Miller is going to attend the State Urban Forestry meeting on August 7 & 8 in Wilmington NC. Information on the I-pad app will be available at this meeting.

An Oriental citizen has asked Ken King where she could purchase a dark red crepe myrtle. We have one left in our inventory and Ken asked for approval to sell this plant to her. Request was approved.

Discussion held on developing a "Tree Walk" with an identification system.

Meeting adjourned, at 9:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert t. Andrews

Secretary