

**Town of Oriental
Tree Board Meeting
October 2, 2012 9:00 am**

The Oriental Tree Board met on October 2, 2012 at 9:00 am in the Oriental First Baptist Church.

Members Present: Chairman: Bob Miller, Members: Bob Andrews, Ken King, and Lynne Kaplan.

Members Absent: Paul Olson, Dick Creighton and Toni Leavitt.

Mr. Miller opened the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

Motion – Chairman Miller moved to approve the September 4, 2012 minutes with the addition of “**200 Block of Freemason**” in No. 5 of the Hazard Tree Survey and Risk Assessment Report. Second by Ken King. Vote 4-0

Old Business:

Winter Planting: Chairman Miller reported that in the past Ken King did most of the door to door inquiries seeking permission from home owners to permit plantings in front of their homes. Mr. Miller suggested that this year the entire board participate in the endeavor. Mr. Miller also volunteered to write an article to better inform citizens of the Tree Board’s plans for winter plantings.

Mr. Miller informed the board that he would be presenting a workshop entitled *Nature of Wood and how it Grows* to a local Woodworking Group on October 18, 2012 in the home of Carl Baxter.

Chairman Miller asked staff to determine the ownership of three dead pines near the old Trawl Door near the harbor.

New Business:

Ken King reported that two live oaks had been removed for a day by town staff near the water plant and that the replanting appeared to have been successful. The removal had seemed necessary in order to protect them from local digging by an independent contractor. It was also noted that Robert Fears had attempted to contact a Tree Board Member prior to removal.

Mr. Miller suggested that pruning begin in Area 3 (Recreation Park and the west side of Whittaker Creek).

Ken King recommended that some of the Ash Trees, struggling to survive, at the corner of Factory and Main, be replaced with Red Cedars. He also suggested that other trees showing signs of distress be reviewed for possible future replacement with a species more suited the location. He reported that there was still stock available for plantings but recommended that a

larger tree be selected to replace the one that would soon to be removed from Kip Nicholas home on the corner of Freemason and South Avenue.

Chairman Miller asked that staff check on the Tree City Application.

Also was reported: The Dogwood Tree removed during the town hall renovation project did not survive but the Chinese Pistasch and Holly did appear to be holding their own.

With no further business:

Motion to adjourn by Lynne Kaplan. Second by Bob Andrews. Vote 4-0

Bob Miller, Chairman

Heidi Artley, Secretary