

**Town of Oriental
Tree Board Meeting
November 6, 2012 9:00 am**

The Oriental Tree Board met on November 6, 2012 at 9:00 am in the Oriental First Baptist Church.

Members Present: Chairman: Bob Miller, Members: Bob Andrews, Dick Creighton, Ken King, Lynne Kaplan and Toni Leavitt.

Members Absent: Paul Olson.

Mr. Miller opened the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

Motion – Bob Andrews moved to approve the October 2, 2012 and October 25, 2012 minutes. Second by Ken King. Vote 5-0

Old Business:

Winter Planting: Chairman Miller reported that the winter planting survey would continue along Lupton Drive, Tosto Circle and Whittaker Point Rd immediately following the meeting. Mr. Miller reported that Paul Olsen was working on the winter planting survey in the Dolphin Point area. Mr. Olsen had noted that while most residents were enthusiastic about the plantings he was having difficulty identifying areas that would not compromise the water views.

Staff was asked to:

1. Check the status of the tree at the corner of Freemason and South Avenue that the Tree Board felt should be removed. A bid had been received in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Pamlico Tree Care.
2. Determine the ownership of three dead pines near M & M's on South Water Street.
3. Locate the plaque for the Dorothy Whipple memorial tree that was recently moved from its original site at town hall during the renovation process.

The Tree Board Members also discussed the possibility of replanting the memorial tree to a more suitable location in the future.

Chairman Miller reported highlights from his attendance to the conference in Wilmington NC. One topic of interest was the proposal that the warming climate was contributing to the spread of tree beetles by increasing stress to otherwise healthy plants. It was noted that states to the west and north of North Carolina were experiencing an increase in infections by these types of insects. Mr. Miller also reported that he had the opportunity to meet the new system forester for the local utility company. When it was mentioned that a recent trimming of right of ways along South Water and Main Streets had excluded a large tree near the Ham's home, Mr. Miller offered to contact Mr. _____ for an explanation.

Chairman Miller reported that he was working on the Tree City Application.

Ken King informed the board that Charlie Overcash would send a check to town hall in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the price of the two Windmill Palms given to him during the renovation project at town hall.

Preparing to continue the meeting in the field, Ms. Leavitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting immediately following the conclusion of today's winter planting survey. Second by Ken King. Vote 5-0.

Bob Miller, Chairman

Heidi Artley, Secretary