

**Guilford
Town Green Committee
Town Hall
January 18, 2017
3:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor**

Present : Chair Jerry Silbert, Vivian Thain, Pat Todd, Catherine Kiernan,
Fran Swietlicki, Tom Pinchbeck

Town Officials : Rick Maynard, Director, Parks and Recreation
Kevin Magee, Town Environmental Planner/Tree Warden

Absent : John Cunningham, Colin MacKenzie

Guests : None

1. Call to Order

At 3:30 pm, Chair Jerry Silbert called the regular meeting to order. All members present were eligible to vote.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Catherine Kiernan reported that there she had not received a report from the Finance Dept.

2. Approve Agenda

Upon review,

Motion: Tom Pinchbeck moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Vivian Thain.

Vote: Carried - Catherine Kiernan, Vivian Thain, Tom Pinchbeck, Fran Swietlicki, Pat Todd

**3. Approval of October Minutes
(November and December 2016 meetings were cancelled)**

Upon review,

Motion: Pat Todd moved to accept the October minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Pinchbeck.

*Vote: Carried - Pat Todd, Tom Pinchbeck, Vivian Thain, Catherine Kiernan
Abstained - Fran Swietlicki (October absence)*

5. Public Forum

There were no comments.

6. Update on Green maintenance. (Jerry and Rick)

Chair Silbert reported that soil tests in sectors 6 and 7 resulted in low amounts of calcium and phosphorus. To restore the soil, he had recommended to Parks and Recreation foreman Tony Annicelli to add specific amounts of these minerals to the soil and eliminate magnesium products. This was done in December. Tests will again be conducted in the spring. Additional sectors will also be tested.

Kevin Magee reported that Eversource power company had removed a large Oak tree on Whitfield Street that had become dangerous, rotting and hollow. As members had concerns that the company has not been consulting with Kevin, he reassured that he is being consulted on the status of the trees. The company has been trimming trees around The Green. When taking aerial views, this tree was seen split through the trunk. Kevin submitted before and after photos for members to view.

Kevin advised that the Guilford Garden Club will donate a replacement tree. Eversource will not charge the Town for removal since it was done during their trimming project. Some of the good condition wood will be used by a local woodworker.

Kevin also advised that a local family had donated a tree (\$500) which had been planted in the fall. It was in memory of resident Bill Green. The family held a private ceremony. As regulated by the Town, there is no plaque.

7. Parks and Recreation Report - Director Rick Maynard: Status of Sector 13

Chair Jerry Silbert reported on applications for upcoming Green use.

Parks and Recreation Dir. Rick Maynard reported that in October his crew had aerated, seeded, fertilized and distributed 56 bags of lime in the center of The Green. This area will be retested in the spring. The Town Christmas tree lights and temporary fence will be removed when the soil is hard again.

8. Tree Warden Report - Warden Kevin Magee

Kevin Magee reported that the health of Maple trees is compromised when winter temperatures are warmer than usual and when they are near de-icing salt on roads and sidewalks. Two 18 inch diameter Maples are being monitored and will be trimmed in the spring.

9. Old Business

Discussion reviewed the Rotary Club proposed bus shelter at the northwest corner bus stop. A bench was installed earlier this year, yet very few people use this stop. A shelter would serve more people at another location. A bus stop is needed at the railroad station.

10. New Business

Discussion took place on recommendations from members for 2017, including :

- Use similar temporary fencing as Branford does around the Guilford Christmas tree.
- There is a budget balance of approximately \$44,000. Allocations could be made toward the 2017 Christmas tree decorations.

11. Adjournment

Motion: At 3:53 pm, Tom Pinchbeck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fran Swietlicki.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary

***The next regular meeting will be February 15, 2017 at 3:30 pm.**