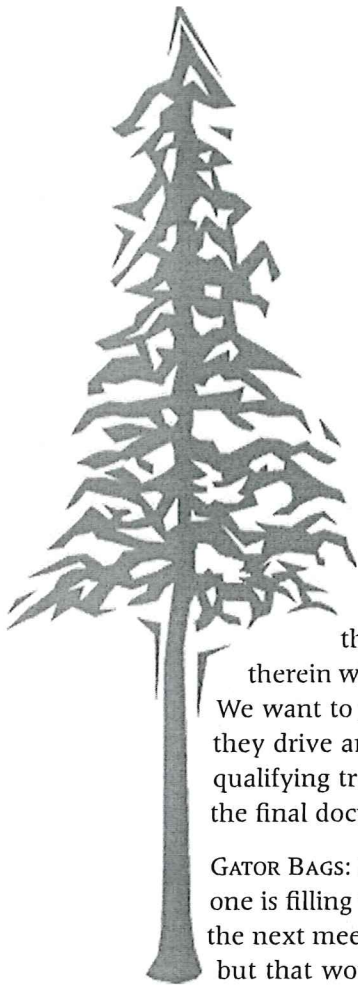


**Minutes of**  
**The Shade Tree**  
**Committee**  
**12 June 2017**

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The meeting was called to order at 16:30 by Chair Lucia Gates, and attended by, in alphabetical order: Mike Chesson, Nancy Forbes, Laura Simmons and DeNee Reiton Skipper.

Susan Harris and Gary Baker have resigned from the Shade Tree Committee.

**VENERABLE TREE LIST:** The word "Venerable" was discussed and do we want to continue using that word or try to decide on another one. A tentative listing was created by Lucia; the trees therein were discussed and the botanical cultivar identification was to be determined over the summer. We want to publicize the final list in the newspaper, so that townspeople can be aware of these trees as they drive around town. Michael and Lucia will walk the Ruth Ippen Tree Walk and identify individual qualifying trees. Then Laura and Nancy will provide the botanical name and cultivar. DeNee will design the final document.

**GATOR BAGS:** Much discussion ensued about the filling of the gator bags for the newly planted trees. If no one is filling the bags there is no point in planting trees in the first place. This will need to be reviewed at the next meeting. It was proposed that it could be a Community Service project for high school students, but that would only apply in the spring and fall because many students are away during the summer, which is when it is most needed.

**PEQUOSSETTE PARK:** Town Meeting approved funds from the CPA to support the playground park project which will go into effect this year; the planning stages are now complete.

**GROVE STREET PARK:** Town Meeting approved funds from the CPA for the project's planning stage and, although not finalized, a tree lined intergenerational walking path is proposed. We will ask that committee to join us next fall to see how they are visualizing this walk.

**CLAY PIT POND:** This project is help up by administrative review.

**TRAPELO ROAD CORRIDOR:** The trees along the corridor. look better than any one expected. Not all trees are healthy, but many are alive and thriving.

**MEMBERSHIP:** A membership drive was proposed for the fall to replace the members lost earlier in the year.

The meeting adjourned at 17:45. The next meeting is undetermined.

Minutes respectfully submitted  
by DeNee Reiton Skipper

Minutes approved,

*Lucia Gates*