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Minutes of The Shade Tree Committee 19 February 2004

The meeting was called to order at 16:45 by Chairman Laura Matheson Simmons and attended by, in alphabetical order: Lucille Dressler, Nancy Forbes, Martha Moore, Dorothy Rosales, DeNee Reiton Skipper, Tom Walsh and Sinclair Weeks.

Minutes of 22 January 04 meeting were accepted with slight emendation to wording to correct placement of Arbor day tree from "in" to "near" the tennis courts.

We would like to invite Peter Castinino to a meeting to discuss the changing organization of the Highway Dept. Some town trees may fall under different jurisdictions and it needs to be clarified.

We would like to invite Tim Higgins to a meeting to discuss the landscaping issues of the various building projects around town. Many buildings are in line for renovation and/or replacement and the handling of the plantings will need to be discussed.

C STREET: the Arborvitae there is in poor shape with all of the heavy equipment storage at that site. An abutter wants to replace it with Leland Cypress. It was discussed the appropriateness of this tree for an open location exposed to wind, the aforementioned heavy equipment and salt storage and other snow removal materials. The replacement trees must be very hardy and able to withstand blowing salt that accompanies the loading process of salt into trucks. Hetz wintergreen is a form of arborvitae which is salt tolerant and succeeded at the 4 Radcliffe site.

CONCORD AVENUE: The Sugar Maples along the playing field are not very healthy and we need a salt tolerant substitute for this area. It would be worth applying for a grant to replace these trees.

ARBOR DAY: 30 APRIL 2004: Various locations were discussed at Winn Brook since we have not planted anything at that location. A corkscrew willow was proposed because it is fast growing and will obscure and soften a large blank wall there. It is a water-loving plant and may or may not be able to survive in that location.

Meeting was adjourned at 17:30.

—Minutes respectfully submitted
by DeNee Reiton Skipper