

## Arboretum Committee Minutes for January 16, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were committee members Chris Keller, Kathy Benjamin, Jenny Krivanek, council liaison Jane McClintock, Michael Spekter (chair) and town Arborist Phil Normandy and Town Manager Gene Swearingen

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved as corrected.

There was discussion regarding the large Tulip Poplar Tree on Clermont Avenue, and the progress that the town was making on having a number of arborists and engineers study the problem and provide reports regarding possible alternate solutions for the current sidewalk design.

There was discussion of the removals that were scheduled during the winter, and noted that Mr. Gregg was evidently back at work and that the scheduled pruning and removals were proceeding.

There was discussion of the trees removed at the corner of Kenilworth and Strathmore. It was noted that these trees were on private property and that a number of town residents were concerned that so many trees were removed at once. Phil Normandy indicated that the trees (even though they are on private property and not subject to Arboretum Committee jurisdiction) were in decline and that the property owner was using the tree stumps as an anchor for a living arbor.

The next item on the agenda was discussing the process to obtain the RFP on the town tree plan. The members present then reviewed the drafts to date and worked collaboratively in an open editing session to revise and expand the drafts into a semi final document.

Michael Spekter agreed to incorporate the revisions and bring the new draft to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30