Meeting was called to order by Jim Govoni, President, at 9:25 a.m.

I) Attendance

Present: Jim Govoni, Leo Kelly, Bruce Lindsay, Bruce Villwock, Kevin Kelly, Heather Dionne, Roy Cavanaugh, Karl Reichle, Lisa Zerio

Absent: Jack Healy, Tom Crowe


II) Approval of Minutes for March 24, 2016

John Lawlor moved acceptance of the March 24, 2016 minutes. Kevin Kelly seconded. The motion carried.

III) Committee Reports

A. Treasurer’s and Finance Report- R. Cavanaugh

The Balance Sheet was presented with diversified assets of $37,925.24. Profit and Loss showed an income of over $4,000. No questions were asked by the attendees. Karl Reichle motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Bruce Villwock seconded and the motion carried.

B. Grant Awards- R. Cavanaugh

a. Outreach Grant: The Association was awarded $5,000. Half of this went to sending a member (Heather Dionne) to the Municipal Forestry Institute. $500 will go to Eric Rutkow, speaker at the 25th Anniversary event, and the remaining $2,000 will be spend on hiring a Circuit Rider and developing the Outreach Program.

b. America the Beautiful Grant: The Association was awarded $2,900. This money will be spent on additional updates to the website, such as membership directory, data sorting, and membership tracking.

C. Risk and Exposure- R. Cavanaugh

The upcoming 25th Anniversary and Workshop event is very expensive. Help from everyone is needed to bring in more income through sponsors, vendors, and registrations in order to not lose money on the event.
IV) Elections - K. Reichle
Karl introduced the Slate of Candidates and asked each to take a few moments to introduce themselves, identify their goals as a Board Member, and what they hope to get out of the experience. The floor was opened up for nominations- none received. Secretary Lisa Zerio cast one vote to pass the Slate of Candidates as written. The new members of the Board of Directors are: John P. Lawlor Jr. (Tree Warden Bloomfield), Jeffrey Minder (Tree Warden-Fairfield), and Diana Ross (Tree Warden- Branford).

V) Tree Wardens’ Association of Connecticut Goals for 2017 - R. Cavanaugh
The 2017 Board Goals were presented and described in detail to the attendees. There were no questions or concerns at the end. Suggestions were made to track Deputy Tree Wardens and graduates of Tree Warden School, to provide a forum for Tree Wardens to reach out to each other with questions, and to compile a directory of Tree Wardens and Deputy Tree Wardens.

VI) Legislative Update - K. Reichle
Karl presented a description and status of each legislative item that is current and relative to tree wardens. Attendees were encouraged to become more involved in tracking the Legislative items as Karl steps down from the Board of Directors.

VII) Other
Registrations for the 25th Anniversary event were discussed and it was brought up that feedback on the event is that cost is expensive. Another comment asked that parking information be more obvious.

VIII) Adjournment
Karl Reichle moved adjournment at 10:45 a.m. John Lawlor seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Annie Shutts Mixsell

Important Upcoming Dates:
- 25th Anniversary Planning Meeting- Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. TWAC Office
- Next Board Meeting- Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
- 25th Anniversary Planning Meeting- immediately following the Board Meeting on April 25, 2017.