



**Minutes
Trees for Minto
Tuesday March 31, 2016**

Attendance: Jared James, Judy Dirksen, Mark Van Patter, Annilene McRobb, Rob Johnson, Edwin Martin, Paul Martin, Jonas Martin, Bert Von Westerholt Melvin Steckle and Earl Schneider

Absent: Erin Dolmage, Ron Faulkner, Paul Richard, Michael Hendricks, Jonas Martin, George Bridge, and Terry Fisk

1. **Call to Order** Chair Jared James called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
 - a) Minutes of February 18, 2016

Moved by: Judy Dirksen

Seconded by: Mark Van Patter

THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2016 minutes be approved as amended.

3. Reports

a) Letter to the Landowners

Chair James stated that letters was sent out with the brochures to 119 landowners, three people responded and James went out on site visits at each site. Two are quite simple: Landowner on 10th line 10 spruce for a wind barrier may be looking at a living snow fence in his laneway and filling out the tree line at a later date. Do not require help planting. Landowner on County Road 6 has a 4 acre property and would like 20 mixed hardwood to fill in some gaps and shrubs for the back of the property, may be able to use the neighbors' dogwood for the back of the property. Do not require help planting.

Landowner on the 10th Line is looking for 30 Spruce to create a windbreak on his property.

Landowner on Wellington Road 3 has already order 500 trees and looking for more yet as she would like to go around the perimeter of her property. This may be a great project for us, in conjunction with CELP. This will be our pilot project for this year and will do a couple smaller projects.

Bert Von Westerholt noted that he may have a place to plant 665 trees on his property along the railway (plugs), this may also be a CELP Project.

Earl Schneider noted that he would like to have trees planted on two properties as well.

Rob noted that there must be \$2 million liability insurance for school students to attend homeowners may be able to get a rider to cover for the days the students would be attending.

Due to the fact of lower nursery stock, we may wish to do the door knocking this summer for next Spring planting.

b) Next Steps

- Mark to check out the Rural Water Quality Program and report back to the Committee.

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4. New Business

Plowing Match Mark Van Patter brought forward information regarding the County tent and noted that we may be able to place the banners and tree information displays, Annilene will speak with Belinda on having this information placed in this tent.

Rob is applying for a Trillium Foundation grant to develop demonstration plots within the County; he requires an agency for the application. Because Minto is under 20,000 in population, the town may be able to be the receiver of the funds wind breaks fences, inter cropping etc. The application is due in June. We will be looking for landowners to host these demonstration plots within the County. Mark will send out the brochure to the Committee members on Agri Forestry for the members to consider. Committee members discussed attending any demonstration plots that may be already in effect.

5. Next Meeting

Wednesday June 22, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Chair James adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.