Call To Order: Pat called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call: Present were Pat Karspeck, Chair; Bob Schneider, Vice Chair; Grant Steffen, Secretary; Allen Owen; Milan Karspeck; Anthony Frederick; Laura Davis; and Josh Embrey, Town Forester.

Committee Secretary Nomination: The committee unanimously elected Grant Steffen as Secretary.

Approval of Minutes of the December Meeting: The second sentence in Staff Reports is amended to remove the phrase beginning with “and must get permission... .” This issue, permission, will be addressed under Staff Reports. With that change, the minutes were approved.

Staff Reports: The committee was reminded that members cannot vote on issues when a conflict of interest is created by the issue.

The annual report of the committee is due, and Pat will consult old reports for guidance.

Josh will ask the Town Board to post the minutes of this committee on its web site.

Discussion of Proposed Forestry Programs: Street Tree Replacement; Street Tree Work Permit: Josh gave committee members copies of his proposed “Town of Berthoud Street Tree Replacement Program” and “...Work Permit Application”. The committee discussed the merits (considerable) of these documents.

They do address the need for home owners to get permission from the town to plant, remove, significantly prune, and/or treat trees on their tree lawns. Bob emphasized the need for legal input concerning the proposed fine of $2500 if a tree is removed without permission. The
committee also reaffirmed the need for wide circulation of this program to the community. The most effective way to advertise this program may be publication in the town’s water bill.

The committee noted that John Goreski’s “Community Forest Management Program” has not yet been presented to the Town Board. Milan will check with John on this issue.

Josh will send to committee members an aerial view of the Hillsdale proposed site for the nursery. He also suggested that the community might be involved in site preparation at the Arbor Day event.

**Adjourn:** Pat adjourned the meeting at 7:15. The next meeting will be on February 4.

**Approved;**