Call To Order: Pat called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Roll Call: Present were Pat Karspeck, Chair; Grant Steffen, Secretary; Allen Owen; Milan Karspeck; Anthony Frederick; Laura Davis; Paul Alabeck, Town Board Liaison; and Josh Embrey, Town Forester.

Approval of Minutes From January 14, 2019: These were approved without change.

Staff Reports: Josh reported that the Town Board will hold a meeting on February 26 to which all committees will present annual reports and state goals. The Town Board also approved the Tree Advisory Committee’s request for an experimental nursery as presented to this committee by Josh at the January meeting.

Josh also reported that the state will lift the quarantine on the EAB infestation area, a quarantine that prohibited ash tree material from leaving the area, and was difficult to enforce. Instead, the state will direct fund toward “biocontrol” to include pruning, treatment and removal.

Pat reminded the committee that she has, in past years, talked to first grade elementary classes about Arbor Day significance, and observed that such talks would be more effective if presented to higher grades. The committee agreed. Pat is also working on the committee’s annual report.

Anthony observed that, when the town begins to remove ash trees, it will need to have a location to store and recycle chips and lumber.
Discussion of Proposed Nursery:

Josh has reserved 50 trees for the spring planting. These will arrive on April 19, and the Arbor Day celebration on April 20 will include their planting. Pat will organize this planting, perhaps to involve the local Boy Scout troop along with committee members and town volunteers.

The next committee meeting will be on March 18 and the April meeting on the 15th.

Adjourn: Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM

Approved: [Signature]

March 18, 2013