



West Newbury Tree Committee

Minutes of Meeting of West Newbury Tree Committee

Location: Remote via Zoom

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 5:30 PM

Members Present: Fred Chanania, Kelly Scott, Molly Hawkins, Claudia Woods, Diana Denning

1. Meeting convened 5:35 pm	
2. August Meeting minutes	Motion made and passed to accept the minutes from the August meeting
3. Big Trees Presentation and Tree Walk	At the Library, starts at 10am –lecture from Kevin Martin 11am – Diana will lead a Tree Walk around the library and potentially also arrange for the group to view the State Champion Balsam Poplar near the center of town – Fred will reach out to the homeowner to double check that a site visit is OK. Fred asked TC members to attend and to take photos to be posted on website and for the Tree City recertification.
4. Training Opportunities	Diana is planning to attend the DCR Tree Stewardship event in Newton on 10/27. Molly and Fred agreed to go to Annual Town Forest Conference in Ashland on 10/21. Other TC members encouraged to attend training opportunities.
5. DPW Director/Town Tree Warden	The Town has not replaced DPW Director, Wayne, with one position; the job has been split into 4 parts. The Tree Warden is now Butch Hills, the new highway maintenance director. Fred will be inviting Butch to our meetings since the Tree Warden is a permanent member ex officio.
6. Ongoing/updates	No town warrants related to TC interests scheduled for the fall town meeting. No further information on the status of the ash tree injection follow-up survey. Tree City recertification application – Fred will take care of preparing the application this fall.
7. Other items	Claudia suggested a TC visit to the Mount Auburn cemetery in the spring, which has many interesting tree specimens.
8. Next Meeting	October 19, 2023, 5:30 pm on Zoom
9. Adjournment	5:55 pm