

WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 6:30 pm, Thursday, December 17, 2020, Zoom platform

Members present: Fred Chanania, Jane Martin, Molly Hawkins, Francesca Pomerantz, Barbara Haack, Claudia Woods

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Review Minutes from meeting on November 19, 2020	Minutes of 11/19 meeting were unanimously approved with minor editorial changes
2. FC presented priorities to BOS	Priorities mentioned to BOS: resident survey, S&R roster, construction BMP booklet, and working with the town planning board to protect trees in West Newbury
NEW BUSINESS	
1. Measuring trees nominated for Roster – training date to be rescheduled	JM would like to wait for a nice day. FC stresses that it is easier to measure when the leaves are off. No date yet set. JM to coordinate.
2. Currently 3 European (Copper) Beech Tree nominations; creative approach for clustering Beech Trees on Roster of Significant and Remarkable Trees	<p><u>Current Nominations</u> in hand are (by date & address): April 27- 135 Crane Neck Street Nov. 1- 210 Main Street Dec. 1 – 6 Cherry Hill Street FC reports there are 3 more candidates on Moulton Street</p> <p><u>Discussion on European (copper) beech trees:</u> Planting beech trees might have been in fashion approximately 70-90 years ago, especially if promoted by Cherry Hill Nursery. The TC consensus is that with the large number of candidate European (copper) beech trees in town, it is appropriate to group them together in the roster. FC will try to obtain the history of the beech tree trend. BH reports that trying to talk to the Thurlow brothers of the Cherry Hill has not been productive. TC was directed to look at the library for history that has been written. Mia Thurlow has offered to walk the committee members around the property at 6 Cherry Hill Street.</p> <p><u>Other potential nominations for Roster:</u> CW got a recommendation from Deb Hamilton for a new tree nomination; CW and BH will follow up if needed. The potential nomination may involve the tupelo and black birch trees at River Bend near the foot bridge. FC will determine who should complete the nomination form. JM asked to send acknowledgement of receipt email to anyone submitting a nomination form.</p>
3. Reply from ZBA via the Building Inspector about Tree Committee support related to Cottages at Rolling hills project	ZBA responded to FC and will let Tree Committee know when the application for Cottages at Rolling Hills is submitted. FC recused himself from TC discussions and future activities regarding this project due to potential conflict arising from his

	status as an abutter. FP will be the point person for TC on this project.
4. Preparation of Survey to Residents	FP will put together the first draft of the survey on Google. TC members will help in formulating questions, for example, general questions on trees, resident knowledge of the TC and the TC's website, resident attitude on trees in the landscape (and developments), support for future tree planting and accompanying budget request.
5. Status of Construction BMP's Booklet/Training	FC has not started drafting yet and will adapt a Bartlett's handout in addition to other sources.
6. I-Tree and other TC member training	The USFS i-Tree website was discussed and its use for promoting and monetizing the value of trees. This may be helpful for TC activities regarding specific trees that are threatened by development. Algorithm and values used by i-Tree programs have been peer-reviewed under USFS aegis.
7. Other items not reasonably anticipated	FC preparing TC entry needed for the Town's Annual Report for FY 2020. Draft will be circulated for comment. Status of Moulton St tree cutting by City of Newburyport. FC has contacted Wayne Amaral to see if this is within his jurisdiction and will follow up with Wayne.
Action Items	FC will put together TC annual report entry for the town MH will check with Brad Buschur and Angus Jennings about surveys – rules and budget, copying, hoops and red tape, etc. FP will work on a draft survey for next meeting FC will send state's eligibility letter on Rolling Hills project to committee members FC will send email to WA about Moulton St BH will talk to Ingrid Sanborn JM and CW will talk to Mia Thurlow about site visit FC and CW will follow up with Deb Hamilton's tree nominations FC will follow up with library on historical information about Cherry hill Nursery
Adjournment	7:36

The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom platform.