

WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 6:30 pm, Thursday, January 21, 2021, 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 Dec 17, 2020	Minutes of 12/17 meeting were unanimously approved with minor editorial changes
2. Update on Action and Other Items from previous meetings. i. Cherry Hill Beeches from Mia Thurlow (Claudia) ii. West Newbury Annual Report (Fred) iii. Update on black birch and tupelo on River Road (Fred) iv. Update on Resident Survey (Francesca) v. Update on Artichoke Reservoir Fred) vi. Update on Beaucher property (Fred)	i. Mia Thurlow suggests contact with Rick Thurlow, search for book ii. Submitted iii. FC has not contacted Deb Hamilton or visited the black birch and tupelo, but will measure when he goes to visit the trees. iv. FP shared what she has on a google survey, FC has many more questions for the survey, and everyone else's questions can be assembled as well. FP will send out the document in word for editing. v. No tree cutting on reservoir, only pruning vi. Developer has withdrawn application for Beaucher Property development
NEW BUSINESS	
1. Consideration of Guidance on Avoiding Tree Damage During Construction, and next steps if approved	JM feels it's a lot of information, discussion about how to approach the Planning Board to assess their interest and opportunities to adopt a guidance for developers. Vote to approve Guidance unanimous
2. FY2021 Budget Request	Budget request was approved unanimously. FC to forward to DPW director.
3. Contacting Tree Warden assistant to get necessary info for grant reimbursement	JM will get invoice from WA's assistant, and try to get information to understand the process for reimbursement.
4. Potential for public tree activities in Spring/Arbor Day	Because the vaccine roll out is not predictable and the more contagious covid-19 variant is becoming the dominant strain, the committee is not anticipating at this time being able to hold any group activities for Arbor Day.
5. Using Librarian, Kate Gove, to contact Rick Thurlow for interview	All agree if this is better for getting information, then we'll leave it to Kate working with BH and JM.
6. TC member training possibilities	Cold weather strikes – members are hoping for a little warmth before the trees leaf out for the measurement training.

7. Interaction with Planning Board: Site walks and use of Certified Arborists by developers	Committee agrees to begin interaction with a “how can we work with you” approach.
8. National Grid’s tree cutting plans along north side of Main Street (Molly)	MH is trying to get an idea of how many trees National Grid is proposing to cut down
9. Other items not reasonably anticipated	
10. Scheduling of Next Meeting	Feb 18
Action Items	<p>MH will check with Brad and Angus about surveys – rules and budget, copying, hoops and red tape, etc.</p> <p>MH will continue to call Bill Barker about National Grid removals</p> <p>FP will send survey to others for next meeting</p> <p>BH will talk to Kate Gove</p> <p>JM will visit Mia’s tree and get the invoice reimbursement info</p> <p>FC will follow up with Deb Hamilton’s tree nominations</p>
Adjournment	7:36

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom platform.