

## WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 6:30 pm, Thursday, Feb 18, 2021, Zoom platform

Members present: Fred Chanania, Jane Martin, Molly Hawkins, Francesca Pomerantz, Barbara Haack, Claudia Woods. Also attending: Rita Wollmering

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Review Minutes from January 21, 2021 meeting.	Minutes of 1/21 meeting were unanimously approved with minor editorial changes
2. Rita Wollmering, potential new associate member	Attended meeting to see if she'd like to join committee. Former owner of the Herb Farmacy (Salisbury), now residing at Brown Spring Farm in West Newbury. Originally from Minnesota but has lived in New England for many years after stint in Peace Corps and U.S. foreign service.
Action item update 1. Thurlow update: BH will talk to Kate Gove. JM will visit Mia's tree 2. JM will get the invoice reimbursement info 3. FP will send survey to others for next meeting, MH will check with Brad and Angus about surveys – rules and budget, copying, hoops and red tape, etc. 4. MH will continue to call Bill Barker about National Grid removals 5. FC will follow up with Deb Hamilton's tree nominations	1. Kate Gove update – FC would like Kate to encourage Rick Thurlow to talk to the committee. BH says Kate had nothing more to add. CW says she can go through Mia Thurlow. Clippings from Cherry Hill nursery catalogue were great. We will try to form this into a story about the history of West Newbury trees. Most older trees in WN are about 125 years old as the land was predominantly cleared for grazing, hay production, other farming before then. 2. JM looking at grant reimbursement information – Forestry Suppliers invoice needed. 3. Comments on the tree survey – need to review survey questions. MH will send Angus the draft of the cover page of the survey to make sure he is ok with our survey. FC will ask FP to collate the edits and then resend to the rest of the committee. 4. MH reports National Grid's tree cutting plans and phone call with Bill Barker 5. Still looking into Tupelo Tree down by the river.
NEW BUSINESS	
1. Consideration of Survey for West Newbury Residents	Still being revised.
2. Next steps to engage Planning Board	Will continue this topic to next meeting
3. Updates to Website – Ideas?	Pruning guidance document is posted.

4. Other items not reasonably anticipated	Arbor Day planning – is there some way to take advantage of getting free tree seedlings, and then designating places to plant the seedlings, which can be done by family units. Ask Wayne about where we could plant around town
5. Scheduling of Next Meeting	March 18
Action Items	<p>MH – draft an email blast and website notice for National Grid Main St trees, and let Bill Barker know that we are hoping to mitigate any removals, social media?</p> <p>CW will contact Mia Thurlow re Cherry Hill</p> <p>CW will continue work on WN as a Tree City even though Covid-19 cancelled Arbor Day celebration for 2021.</p> <p>FC will check with Wayne Amaral about arbor day trees on public land.</p> <p>All – think about what to do for a virtual Arbor Day event – send to FC</p>
Adjournment	7:37 pm

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