

# WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Members present: Fred Chanania, Jane Martin, Molly Hawkins, Francesca Pomerantz, Claudia Woods, Rita Wollmering

| AGENDA ITEM  | OUTCOME  |
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| 1. Review Minutes from Feb 18, 2021 meeting.   | Minutes of 2/18 meeting were unanimously approved with minor editorial changes   |
| 2. Welcome to Rita Wollmering  | New Associate Member of Tree Committee   |
| <p>Action item update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Update on Grant Reimbursement paperwork (Jane)</li> <li>ii. Update on Engagement with Planning Board and Conservation Commission (Fred)</li> <li>iii. Status of Resident Survey (Francesca, Molly, &amp; Fred)</li> <li>iv. Website update (Claudia &amp; Fred)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. JM is working on grant reimbursement with Julie Coop from town hall. Paper or electronic submission and account of hours for various projects, website development, survey, etc. First round of data about hours spent by TC members is requested by May 15</li> <li>ii. Conservation Commission requested the construction avoidance damage guidance. FC to provide. Planning Board (PB) considered FC's correspondence and has scheduled time on April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss cooperation between the TC and the PB.</li> <li>iii. Resident survey – some edits to the survey to streamline and clarify some questions. Final draft to be prepared for next TC meeting.</li> <li>iv. Website update</li> </ul> |
| NEW BUSINESS   |  |
| 1. Consideration of Final Language for Survey of West Newbury Residents  | 1. Committee has read and contributed edits to the survey and it will be finalized by April meeting.   |
| 2. Logistics, Timing, and Sites for distributing survey - electronically and in hard copy  | 2. FP will send FC a created electronic survey, and then they will finalize language and send out to Committee for any final additions or changes. Library survey recently sent out has set a recent precedent on town electronic surveys. Angus Jennings did not respond to the email MH sent about TC survey.  |
| 3. Overview of potential guidance on for project-specific tree planning  | 3. One approach for this future guidance is to have developers hire a certified arborist to help them with a construction plan. Cost of this is likely to be less than engineering and surveying costs for property developers. This guidance will be considered at a later time.  |

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| <p>4. Plans for Arbor Day Celebration – events, tasks to be done, needed clearances</p> <p>i. Zoom – Virtual Tree ID Walk</p> <p>ii. Site for Drive-up, Mini-giveaway of 100 seedlings from Jack Ingram @ Bartlett Tree Experts</p> <p>iii. Zoom – Introduction to Arbor Day, Roster, History of WN Forest, What Trees to Plant, Values of Trees, Trees &amp; Climate Change</p> <p>iv. Other ?</p> | <p>Program set for April 30th and May 1st. Discussion ensued about logistics of virtual Tree ID walk using Zoom (FC). Library will allow a table (MH will have plastic table) on the back lawn with 100 seedlings for the giveaway. Information (handout) to be provided on the table on how to plant and care for trees. Jack Ingram can deliver trees to FC's house. Event will be publicized on TC website and via email blast in addition to WN social media. Schedule: Introduction to Arbor Day and History of WN Forest on Friday at 6:30 pm; trees to plant for climate resiliency on Saturday at 11:30 am?</p> |
| <p>4. Other items not reasonably anticipated</p>  | <p>4. CW talked to John Thurlow's wife. Cherry Hill poster on the wall of the Town Hall.</p> <p>CW also has the Tree City application. She will proceed with application.</p> <p>MH talked to Bill Barker again about National Grid and let him know we would ask for comments on our website.</p>  |
| <p>5. Scheduling of Next Meeting</p>  | <p>April 15th</p>   |
| <p>Action Items</p>   | <p>FC will send email to Town Manager and Selectmen about Arbor Day activities planned.</p> <p>CW email blast about Arbor Day and survey</p> <p>FP and FC to circulate final draft of survey.</p>   |
| <p>Adjournment</p>  | <p>7:45 pm</p>  |

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom platform.