

# WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 20, 2021, Zoom platform

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

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Review Minutes from April 15, 2021 meeting.	1. Minutes of 4/15 meeting were unanimously approved with minor editorial changes.
2. Reflections on Arbor Day event: what went well? what could have been done better?	2. FC cited the nice turnout to get tree seedlings. JM and MH gave out approximately 60 Dawn Redwood trees saplings outside the library on May 1. CW suggests we write a letter of thanks to Bartlett for the donation (FC will do). CW suggested getting a banner for future events, and FC noted town is strict about the use of signage on public property. MH suggested using the electronic sign outside of the Public Safety complex.
3. Status of Tree Committee work with Planning Board	3. FC's two-page presentation was well received, and made some comments at the meeting for a subdivision plan and replanting trees for those that were cut down.
4. Reminder about sending hours to Jane	4. Reporting period: August 1, 2020 to May 15, 2021. FC will circulate his spreadsheet of activities as a potential template.
NEW BUSINESS	
1. Final plans on circulating Tree Survey in May: who, when, what	1. FP will draft an introductory paragraph to be used in email blast, social media, and website, which will accompany the link to the survey. CW to check with Town about using email blast to announce survey. Survey will begin on June 1 and end on June 15. FP will work with FC on making hard copies to distribute at Town Hall and the Library as both venues are re-opening soon.
2. Committee member interest in general tree-related training – who to coordinate	2. Tree measurement and ID garnered interest, and also engaging youth in tree appreciation.
3. Training date for measuring trees	Not discussed.
4. Participation in 5/15 Garden Club Sale	4. MH was at Garden Club plant sale with leftover potted Dawn Redwood tree saplings. Gave away

	nearly all remaining. Much interest among attendees in native plantings was noted.
<p>5. Next Actions or Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Possible presentation to Selectmen Board about our activities over the last year</li> <li>b. Possible promotion of planting native trees; coordinating with Garden Club (Mandeville), Climate Change (Grammer), West Newbury Wild and Native (Pau)</li> <li>c. Possible newsletter - logo style suggestions</li> <li>d. Possible tree nursery by Rita Wollmering</li> <li>e. Possible tree ID walk – when and where</li> <li>f. Another call for nominations for Roster – using email blast and social media, future timing</li> </ul>	<p>5.a. Not determined</p> <p>b. CW will reach out to Nancy Pau and Carol Decker to see how Tree Committee can be part of the Wild and Native group. MH suggested growing seedlings from native stock to give away at Arbor Day.</p> <p>c. One page newsletter is well received and will be distributed by email and on website. FC to handle. All with a preference voted for 2<sup>nd</sup> logo</p> <p>d. RW to start up creation of a Tree Comm nursery for native and local saplings grown from seed. She observed that there are not a lot of locally sourced tree seedlings, most are from Canada. She will collect nuts and seeds and plant in the fall from local tree seed stock, and may have long-range interest in getting school kids involved. FC raised issue of planting sapling already growing in forests. Questions about space and time required were discussed with options presented.</p> <p>e. Tree ID walk to be held sometime in summer.</p> <p>f. Nominations for Roster not discussed.</p> <p>g. CW raised issue of working with school age children, and after discussion of various ways to do this, MH and CW are to start investigating and considering what this outreach might look like.</p>
6. Other items not reasonably anticipated	<p>Need to advertise for another TC member, FC will ask BH if she would like to become a voting member. FC to include this in announcements at Town Meeting on 5/22.</p> <p>CW raised point about officer election. Next meeting will include the election of officers for coming year.</p>
7. Scheduling of Next Meeting	Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 PM
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FC will write a letter of thanks to Bartlett's Tree Experts and Jack Ingram.</li> <li>2. FC will circulate his spreadsheet of activities for volunteer time tracking - all members to report to Jane in Word format.</li> <li>3. FP will draft an introductory paragraph to be used with survey.</li> <li>4. CW will check with Town about using email blast to announce survey.</li> </ul>

	<p>5. CW to reach out to Garden Club and West Newbury Wild and Native (Pau and Decker) to indicate TC interest in coordinating with them.</p> <p>6. FP will work with FC on making hard copies of survey for distribution.</p> <p>7. FC to handle newsletter creation and distribution for now.</p> <p>8. FC will ask BH if she would like to become a voting member. FC to mention Committee opening at Town Meeting</p> <p>9. RW to start planning the Tree Comm tree nursery.</p> <p>10. JM to assemble hours to submit to State, and then indicated her desire to submit resignation from TC due to other commitments.</p> <p>11. MH and CW to investigate ways in which to establish a TC program involving school age children.</p>
Adjournment	7:52 pm

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom platform.