

WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 6:30 pm, Thursday, Dec 19, 2019, GAR Memorial Library

Members present: Fred Chanania, Molly Hawkins, Jane Martin, Kathy Mandeville.

Members absent: Francesca Pomerantz, Barbara Haack, Claudia Wood, Wayne Amaral

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Approval of 11/21 minutes	<i>Minutes approved upon seconded motion by unanimous vote 4-0-0</i>
2. Update on Tree Historian development from Barbara Haack & Jane Martin	Barbara and Jane met with Bonnie Gibbons. They have documentation from Bonnie Gibbons' mother on the trees of the training field circa 1975 and are looking at how other communities are approaching the process. Jane drafted a form to register a tree for the Roster of significant and remarkable trees. Would like comments on the draft.
3. Website update	All links worked and new postings met with general approval
"Tree Talk"	Educational segment on Biology of Trees and Tree Biomes/Climate deferred to next meeting
New Business	
1. Continued discussion and setting of Committee priorities for year one.	Topics generally accepted as priorities for near future were: Arbor Day planning, defining Significant and Remarkable, website FAQs, training, building momentum and education, raising awareness so that within 5 years there can be a forward-looking tree policy in the town's planning process.
2. Arbor Day planning	Friday 4/24 and Saturday 4/25 are dates for this event. Can include evening program on Friday, Bartlett's advice on tree planting and care, give away of tree seedlings.
3. Figuring out schedule for consideration of: a. defining Significant and Remarkable b. developing FAQ's for Wayne Amaral c. identifying training opportunities and dates for committee members	Fred would like to research the S&R requirements and begin discussing it next month or later. None of the tree measurements can be made until the equipment is purchased in July. The members present were enthusiastic about monthly tree walks to become more familiar with identifying trees in West Newbury and a possible visit to the Harvard Forest in Petersham, MA. Tree walks for Committee members will take place on second Saturday each month, 9:30-noon
4. Tree Committee Budget Request FY 2021	Budget requirements for FY 2021 were discussed. Total budget amount is 3012 (including speaker fee for fall event for BOS and Boards). Potential reimbursable amount from Mass DCR is \$1529. Budget submittal was approved 4-0-0.

5. Suggestion sent 12/7 by resident Cheryl Evansen about program on invasive vines as part of our “save the trees” activities	Continued to next meeting.
Action Items	Second Saturday of the month 9:30 AM– noon tree walks primarily in West Newbury. First one set for January 11.
Adjournment	8:00 pm

The next meeting will be Thursday Jan 16, 2020, at 6:30 pm at the GAR Memorial Library.