

Tree Committee Minutes

Meeting date and place: June 17, 2021, 6:30pm (virtual via Zoom)

Attendance: Committee members: Claudia Woods, Fred Chanania, Rita Wollmering, Francesca Pomerantz. Member of the public: Susan Dougherty

Agenda Item	Outcome
May meeting minutes	Unanimously approved with no edits.
Reminder: Volunteer hours for grant report	Committee members to submit hours to Jane as soon as possible.
Election of officers for 2021-2022	Nominations for 2021-2022: Fred Chanania, Chairperson; Molly Hawkins, Vice Chair, Francesca Pomerantz, Secretary. Unanimously approved.
Survey Update	Francesca presented summary of tree survey responses (142). Francesca will collect paper copies from library and Town Hall. Written summary of results and report will be developed over the summer, and results to be sent to the committee members. Fred and Francesca will outline a draft of summary for the Committee to discuss at the next meeting
Training date for measuring trees & tree walk event	Fred will lead tree ID walk at Mill Pond on July 10 at 8am; tree measuring training could be afterwards. Tree walk will be co-led by Newburyport HS student. Claudia will publicize.
June 28 th Select Board Meeting	Fred will give brief report on Arbor Day events, survey, and tree nursery activities. He will send talking points via email.
Collaboration with West Newbury Wild and Native	Claudia will continue to be liaison to the group.
West Newbury Community Tree Nursery	The goal is to collect seeds and saplings from area and to provide native tree saplings to residents to encourage planting of native trees well suited for West Newbury. Rita has collected seeds, planted them, propagation is underway, also some cuttings. She is doing research and seeing what works. Next steps: Need to consider funding the initiative to cover the costs involved and also identifying a site for nursery. Tree committee can request a small budget from town to purchase materials.

	<p>Fred and Rita will make appointment to speak with Wayne to identify a raised bed area. Fencing can be installed around the raised bed. There needs to be access to water.</p> <p>Rita would like to hear from committee members about nursery priorities and feedback. This will be main topic for next meeting.</p>
Newsletter discussion	<p>Currently, newsletter has 2 component parts – schedule of upcoming events and feature article. Newsletter is sent to those on an email list based on sign up at Arbor Day event and town meeting. Brief discussion of how to revise and re-imagine newsletter, including tree scavenger hunt, design committee logo, engage the community. Is it duplicative of the website? Recommendation to avoid embedded links. Newsletter will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.</p>
July meetings	<p>Committee will meet July 15th via Zoom.</p>
Remote vs in-person meetings	<p>July meeting will be remote. We will discuss remote vs. in-person at next meeting. Library is not open on Thursday nights now.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 7:58