

## Tree Committee Minutes

Meeting date and place: July 15, 2021 via Zoom, 6:30pm

Attendance: Committee members: Claudia Woods, Fred Chanania, Rita Wollmering, Francesca Pomerantz. Absent: Molly Hawkins, Wayne Amaral

Agenda Item	Outcome
Approval of the June minutes	Approved unanimously.
Newsletter	Discussion ensued about goal and purpose. Committee members agreed that no hard copies should be distributed of any tree committee materials. A current cycle of tree related news could be part of committee website and residents could be alerted to new posts via town email and link on town's website. Committee members recommend a "what's new" section of committee home page instead of newsletter.
Tree survey summary of responses	Francesca shared the summary of responses to the tree survey (charts & graphs). Committee discussed priorities emerging from survey responses. Committee should prioritize advising the planning board of the survey responses related to property development with a "white paper" summarizing the results. Claudia and Francesca will work on drafting the white paper for discussion at the next meeting. The survey indicates residents are interested in educational programming in the schools about trees. Molly will speak with Andrew Prazar, North Shore Nature Programs about connecting with West Newbury schools.
Tree seedling nursery	Rita has been doing research about growing trees from seeds. The goal is to eventually distribute seedlings. Climate change resilient species and native species should be emphasized. Oak and red maple are recommended. Focus should be on those seeds easiest to propagate. A shady place needs to be identified and beds need to be built. Rita will create a design for the beds and list of materials needed, as well as criteria for the location for the next meeting. The community will need to help collect seeds. Information about collecting seeds could go on the website. Rita will create a seed collection protocol and send it to the committee.
Tree walk on July 10	20 people attended.
Next meeting (no August meeting)	Committee will meet on September 16 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.