

Tree Committee Meeting - Minutes

Meeting Date and Place: November 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Attendees: Fred Chanania, Francesca Pomerantz, Claudia Woods-Estin, Nicolas Forestell, Molly Hawkins. Also attending: Kelly Scott

Agenda Item	
Planning Board	<p>Fred spoke with Tim Cronin Chair of WN Planning Board. The Tree Comm is on PB agenda for 12/7 meeting to present results of tree survey and to identify next steps. Committee members are encouraged to attend. Fred will present and ask what Planning Board is willing to do about issues raised in tree survey. Fred will find out if remote participation or in person and will let us know.</p> <p>Main issue for focus of presentation is tree cutting and removal, and also replacement of trees if they get cut down. Key questions: Ask Planning Board how they review landscape plans. Ask how they would like Tree Committee to help address residents' concerns about loss of rural character of landscape.</p>
New Member	<p>Kelly Scott is interested in joining committee. She is a life science teacher and West Newbury resident. Committee voted 4-0 in favor of Kelly Scott joining the Tree Committee. Fred will recommend her appointment to Select Board.</p>
Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lanternfly Report	<p>Report for Select Board on options for addressing EAB and SLF will be prepared by Fred and Tawny Simisky, state entomologist with UMass Extension Service. Final agreement to launch project is being drafted. The completed Report will be presented to the Select Board, probably in March 2022.</p>
Tree Planting	<p>Town planted 2 red maples to replace dead trees, one on Training Ground and one at Town Offices. Photos taken.</p>
Budget Items	<p>Committee will need to put in FY2023 budget request in January or February. Items to include are being sought from Committee members. One item will be any funds needed for Arbor Day event in Spring.</p>
Winter Activities	<p>Committee ideas solicited: native tree giveaway, tree walks. Are there other ideas for programs?</p>
Newsletter	<p>Claudia suggested using social media instead of newsletter. Fred has 30-50 names of people interested in receiving newsletter; social media posting can also be sent to persons on that list.</p>
Minutes from October minutes	<p>Minutes approved 2-0 with 2 abstentions.</p>
End of Grant Period Reporting	<p>Fred is getting together materials to submit to state for reimbursement. He will meet with Wayne Amaral and Marie Felzani on Tuesday morning. If anyone wants to update their hours, please email Fred.</p>
Other Items not anticipated	<p>Kelly Scott raised the issue of landscape changes at Carr Post that might involve tree removal. The current plans are unclear but should be monitored.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>December 16 at 6:30 PM</p>
Adjournment	<p>7:30 PM</p>