

## Tree Committee Meeting - Minutes

Meeting Date and Place: December 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

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

Agenda Item	
New Member Kelly Scott	Welcome.
Minutes from November Meeting	Approved 5-0 without change.
Update on Meeting with Planning Board	PB meeting discussion focused on regular form of communication between TC and the Planning Board regarding various types of PB applications. New Chair Tim Cronin and others were supportive and interested in the Tree Committee's input. FC was careful to make it clear that we understood that they were also concerned about protecting trees and the rural character of WN, and that both groups wanted to work together towards that end.
Annual Report to Town for FY 2021	Annual Report from all Boards/Committees are submitted each FY and comprise a record of the main events that took place, in this instance from July 2020 – June 30, 2021. Draft annual report from TC was approved unanimously by the committee. FC will submit to Town Clerk.
Tree City USA and enclosed Work Plan item	CW as the lead and FC have been working to put the application together. Deadline for submittal is 12/31/2021. FC has reached out to the state coordinator for advice on getting the town manager's signature. The 2021 work plan was reviewed and some editorial changes were made to the text. The TC by unanimous vote approved the Work Plan and authorized FC and CW to complete application and file it with the State. FC will get Select Board approval on 12/20.
Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lanternfly Report	Report for Select Board on options for addressing EAB and SLF will be prepared by FC and Tawny Simisky, state entomologist with UMass Extension Service. Final agreement to launch project is drafted and is awaiting state approval. The completed Report is expected in spring 2022.
Tree Planting	Town planted 2 red maples to replace dead trees, one on Training Ground and one at Town Offices. Photos taken.
FY 2023 Budget Request	Draft budget was presented to TC. It was noted that \$140 is included to pay for tree seedlings from NH state nursery. Some training registration fees and professional memberships (Mass. Arborist Assoc. and Tree Warden Assoc. are included. Funds for 5 larger trees were included. \$300 was added to budget to help fund signage at Mill Pond along a trail. The signage would identify various trees and their natural history. FC and NF will look for tree signage locations. As amended, the total budget request of \$1820 was unanimously approved. FC to handle submittal and paperwork. KS agreed to work with Pentucket HS environmental club to coordinate tree seedling sale dates and the TC Arbor Day activities.
Letter to Pentucket School Board re: Native Tree planting	Letter to be considered when drafted. KS or MH to draft?
Next Meeting	January 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM
Adjournment	7:35 PM