

WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 6:30 pm, Thursday, Jan 16, 2020, GAR Memorial Library

Members present: Fred Chanania, Molly Hawkins, Jane Martin, Kathy Mandeville, Francesca Pomerantz, Barbara Haack, Claudia Wood; absent: Wayne Amaral

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Approval of 12/19 minutes	<i>Minutes approved upon seconded motion by unanimous vote 4-0-0</i>
2. Status of Tree Book order	Corinn ordered using discount and the total was \$63.
3. Website update	Added New link of general interest
4. Budget Submittal	All information submitted per Town Manager directions
5. Keystone Project	Keystone Project – community-action oriented program that focuses on forest ecology, wildlife and land management and land conservation through UMass Amherst. Training and resources are provided in exchange for a 30-hour volunteer commitment. Competitive application process, deadline end of February. TC members welcome to apply.
6. “Tree Talk”	Educational segment on Biology of Trees
New Business	
1. Recap of Tree Walk.	Walked the Riverbend upland area as well as along the Indian River. Discussed oak, locust, cherry, maple, hickory, birch, aspen species among others.
2. Arbor Day planning in detail	<p>Friday 4/24 and Saturday 4/25. Responsibilities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FC has draft of Tree Day Program. • Library schedule for closing at 5 PM would require a Friday program by FC to be held earlier, or perhaps on Thursday evening. • Chestnut talk could be held on Saturday 9 AM before the other events. KM will contact Chestnut Foundation. • BH will contact artist for use of the Maudslay wood exhibit • MH will co-ordinate children’s activities • FC will talk with WA about Meet the Tree Warden • JM will work on the S&R tree survey handout and Training field tree ID • MH will put together a contest and prize basket • FC will handle website, email blast • CW will do newspaper publicity • FP will arrange cones for 113, old town hall, training field

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FC will look for professionals to contribute to tree selection, planting and growing.
3. Significant tree identification on Artichoke Reservoir conservation property.	Due to postponement by groups/persons involved with land transfer, no date for TC tree walk can be scheduled as yet.
4. Framing "Significant and Remarkable" tree criteria for later discussion in February and March meetings	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.
5. Suggestion sent 12/7 by Cheryl Evansen about adding a program to destroy invasive vines as part of our "save the trees" activities	Discussion continued to next meeting
Action Items	<p>FC will send links to Simard talks, Roots of the Past video, power point.</p> <p>Next tree walk for TC members - Saturday Feb. 1 at 9:30 AM - location TBD</p>
Adjournment	8:00 pm

The next meeting will be Thursday Feb 20, 2020, at 6:30 pm at the GAR Memorial Library.