



West Newbury Tree Committee

Minutes of West Newbury Tree Committee G.A.R. Memorial Library Thursday, August 18, 2022, 5:06 PM

In Attendance: Fred Chanania, Claudia Woods, Nicolas Forestall, Molly Hawkins, Kelly Scott

1. Update on the potential playground tree planting project:
 - a. Action Cove does not need shade trees; project would be limited to new playground at Page School
 - b. After consulting onsite with Bartlett's, 8 trees would be planted - probably 2-3 inch red maples
 - c. Cost estimate received from Bartlett's around \$9,000 for trees and planting
 - d. Watering Services \$4-5000 per year - new estimate to be sought
 - e. Warrant Article for the Town to be submitted - due by 8/25 to BOS - Fred to submit
 - f. Cost for the watering for spring 2023 can be included
 - g. Fred is working on a companion Notice of Intent to apply for a DCR Urban and Community Forestry Challenge grant to try to recoup up to 50% of the cost for the Town
 - h. Claudia will also look for other grant/funding opportunities
 - i. Spring planting if approved by Fall Town Meeting - fall planting may not be funded in time
 - j. Motion to seek approval from Town for funding up to \$20,000 on this project, seconded and approved unanimously
2. Mill Pond Tree Trail Signs
 - a. Aluminum/plastic composite, weather resistant from Coastal SpeedPro
 - b. Tree Committees will need to officially request a bid for cost estimate for the 26 signs - Fred to request
 - c. QR Code on each sign will lead to an index page for all the tree species. Index page to be placed on Tree Comm website.
 - d. Discuss about the amount of information on each sign and general consensus reached in favor of current tree sign design and more limited text
 - e. Review of text on each sign - bullet points favored; removal of references to state trees and substituting facts of more interest (e.g., birch bark canoes; something red on maples in all seasons)
 - f. Review of how the signs will be attached with springs and screws
 - g. Motion made and seconded to approve the signs as reviewed with editorial changes - approved unanimously
 - h. Next step is to contact Coastal SpeedPro for estimate
3. Update on State Champion Tree application - no further information
4. Other items Not Reasonably Anticipated
 - a. Need for another committee person - perhaps ask for an announcement from the Town
 - b. Update on status of Ash Tree Street survey - report is still in draft form - Wayne, Fred, and Bartlett's to discuss in next week or two; further action to be discussed
5. Next Meeting: 9/15/2022 to be in person at G.A.R. Memorial Library 5:00 pm.
6. Motion to adjourn made and seconded - meeting adjourned 6:20 pm