



West Newbury Tree Committee

Minutes of Meeting of West Newbury Tree Committee

Location: 47 Coffin Street, West Newbury

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 5:00 PM

Members Present: Fred Chanania, Kelly Scott, Molly Hawkins, Claudia Woods, Susan Dougherty.

Convened Meeting at 5:30	
1. October Meeting Minutes	Upon motion made and seconded, approved unanimously.
2. Budget for FY 2024 discussion	<p>Proposed FY2024 budget has same line items and no increases in budget request over FY 2023 Budget.</p> <p>Discussion about Ash trees and continuing to educate the town citizens and Select Board but no budget item is appropriate for the TC.</p> <p>Upon motion made and seconded, proposed FY 2024 budget request unanimously approved. Fred will take care of any budget request submittal.</p>
3. Annual Report	<p>Draft annual report for FY 2022 reviewed, and Claudia will update the bulleted list of particular accomplishments and activities during FY 2022.</p> <p>Claudia will send updated draft to Fred, who will circulate to TC so we can vote on the final draft to be submitted to the Town in January.</p>
4. Tree City Recertification	<p>Committee members calculated their volunteer hours for CY 2022 and submitted to Fred in order to help fulfill the requirements for recertification of WN as a Tree City. Fred will take care of completing and filing the Recertification application by the due date of 12/31/2022. No vote needed to file recertification application.</p>
5. Site Visits	<p>Claudia, Molly, and Susan volunteered to go with Fred on site visits to help homeowners identify their trees and plan for care of sick/dead trees. Fred will schedule the site visits for weekends, and notify other TC members of the date, time, and place.</p>
6. Further updates/specific action items	<p>Fall priority - Focus on Ash trees and combatting the EAB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Claudia will use social media to continue education of homeowners regarding Ash tree report and future planning for maintenance. <p>Claudia will draft a written piece for posting and circulate to TC members for comment before posting.</p>

	<p>- Kelly will reach out to Pentucket Environmental Club to ask for help educating the public about the Ash tree report and future need to plan for treatment and maintenance.</p> <p>Spring priority - focus on trees and tree planting; more tree walks, and Arbor Day activities.</p>
7. Other	<p>Claudia will research grant funds for planting trees in public spaces like playgrounds.</p> <p>Fred mentioned his initial tree ID work with Whittier Tech Env. Science club and teacher.</p>
8. Next Meeting	<p>No December meeting. Change meeting time to 5:30 PM.</p> <p>Next meeting is January 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm on Zoom</p>
9. Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 6:18