



## West Newbury Tree Committee

### Minutes of Meeting of West Newbury Tree Committee

Location: Remote on Zoom

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 5:30 PM

Present: Fred Chanania, Claudia Woods, Molly Hawkins, Kelly Scott

February minutes	Upon motion made and seconded, February minutes were approved 3-0
Update on Arbor Day responsibilities - Seedlings, pots, guest author, etc.	<p><u>Tree City Recertification</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fred reported that application for recertification of West Newbury as a Tree City, which was timely filed in November 2022, had been mishandled by State DCR. DCR was contacted and promised to straighten out the situation with the Arbor Day Foundation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Arbor Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NH Nursery indicated that seedlings will not be ready for pickup until early April. Fred will contact committee members when he knows more.</li> <li>Fred will supply pots for seedlings; Molly, Kelly, and Fred will pot seedlings prior to Arbor Day give away. about the seedling delivery.</li> </ul> <p>Arbor Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 – 10 Children's program inside library. Kelly has posters/signage.</li> <li>10-11:30 Outside Library: tables for tree giveaway. Fred will contact Kevin Martin, author, about setting up a table to provide information about big trees in New England and to offer his book. Pentucket HS Environmental Club has been asked to join us and have a table.</li> <li>11:45-12pm Gather for travel to the site of champion Black Oak on Main Street. Fred to lead walk and Molly will request cones for parking on Main Street. Alternative for parking would be Farm Road or high school road.</li> <li>Claudia will promote with 3-4 stories on or about 4/6, 4/11, 4/18, and 4/25 about Arbor Day event.</li> </ul>
Spring Town Meeting - budget, article on EAB injections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring town meeting date is April 24, 2023.</li> <li>Tree Comm budget request for \$1620 included within DPW line item on trees and roadways.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warrant Article on EAB injections for roadway ash trees will be voted on. The FinComm did not approve Article for \$30 K per year, which had been previously approved by Select Board. This would have treated all Class 1 (healthy) and Class 2 (minor infestation or damage) ash trees. Instead, FinComm voted to approve \$18K for injecting only the trees in the Class 1 healthy category.</li> </ul>
Grants and Outreach - update	Pentucket Environmental Club: Arbor Day and Ash Tree education for the public.
Training opportunities	Annual Arbor Day Expo in Springfield - 2-day event in Springfield sponsored by the Mass. Arborist Assoc. Fee for admission. Fred to continue to provide information.
Summer Events	Preliminary thoughts on potential events: Library program on trees; local tree walk?
Next meeting and adjournment	Next meeting on Thursday 4/20 5:30 on Zoom – 6:30; meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.