

# WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 1:00 pm, Thursday, April 2, 2020, GoToMeeting platform

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

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Membership changes	With Kathy Mandeville's resignation, there is now an open spot on the committee, which can be filled by Francesca Pomerantz, associate member. Recruitment for new associate members will follow.
2. Formation of Friends Committee	Friends Committee would be a separate non-profit group that can support the tree committee through fundraising and volunteering. A check box on the Significant and Remarkable Tree nomination form will be used to assess interest in the community.
3. Tree Warden FAQ's	As a service to the community, the committee will post a list of FAQs for the Tree Warden on the website. MH will interview Wayne Amaral to see what tree questions he is asked most often and get a sense of what he'd like the townspeople to know about his activities as Warden.
4. Significant and Remarkable Tree nomination form	JM created a form to circulate in the town for nominations for trees believed to be significant and remarkable for the following distinctions: size, age, aesthetic, botanical, cultural, or historical value. These trees, once the committee establishes criteria for the distinctions, will be placed on a roster for the town. A cover paragraph will be used to explain the rationale for making the roster and give examples of trees believed to be significant to the town for the above reasons. CW would like to link the availability of the nomination form with another newspaper article that is of public interest. An interview with John Thurlow, of the family who managed the Cherry Hill Orchard was discussed as a possible topic. BH and CW will pursue.
5. Keeping the community engaged during the Covid 19 Social Distancing protocol	FC will update the website with a link to "Do Trees Talk to Each Other," and later a "Do You Know This Tree?" activity for people to identify photos of West Newbury trees along public trails and byways that are distinctive. Other possibilities include self-guided walk, video shorts (?) of FC's tree ID walks to help distinguish some common tree species, link to studies on trees impacts on human health outcomes (Louisville, KY).
Adjournment	2:15 pm

The next meeting will be Thursday April 16, 2020, at 1:00 pm on GoToMeeting platform.