



West Newbury Tree Committee

Minutes of Meeting of West Newbury Tree Committee

Location: Remote on Zoom

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 5:30 PM

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

1. April Minutes	Upon motion made and seconded, March minutes were approved unanimously
2. Arbor Day Reflections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seemed to be a success. Over 90 tree seedlings were distributed, and one volunteer (Rick Parker) took about 50 white oaks to care for, pending future distribution to interested people. Kelly had children attending the library program, and 4-5 people joined the walk to see the Champion Black Oak.
3. State Champion Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brad Beaudoin on Main Street has a Balsam Poplar that has now been officially designated as a State Champion tree.The Tupelo (Black Gum) has been measured by DCR personnel but may still be awaiting a final determination by MA-DCR
4. DCR Tree City Award Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This will be held on June 6th in Greenfield MA (9:30-2:00 PM). The award ceremony will be preceded by training sessions and lunch is provided. Let Fred know if anyone wishes to attend.
5. Summer Tree walk/Library program with author Kevin Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kevin Martin is author of Big Trees of Northern New England, and has contacted the Library about holding a program.The TC decided to combine its planned tree walk event with this program, and determined that mid-September would be appropriate.Fred will contact Corinn to try to schedule for 3rd Sat in Sept.
6. Training Opportunities	<p>Fred mentioned various web-based avenues for training and tree-related webinars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ISA (International Society of Arborists) websiteACRT Arborist Training websiteMass Woods Institute – programs for forest management primarily directed at landowners with forested properties and managing trees for wildlife habitat value

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Forester Newsletter – recent email from Fred contained the link to obtain and subscribe • UMASS Extension “Hort Notes” – monthly newsletter with information on trees, plants, and diseases
7. Status of Ash Tree Injection program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for bid to initiate treatment program is being prepared ASAP by town officials. The bid will indicate that treatment should start by 6/30 and finish by 8/31 for maximum benefit. • Claudia will handle media outreach to let citizens know about this program and the need to act soon for any trees on their properties. Help from tree Committee is to be mentioned as well.
8. Ash Tree at the Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Trustees voted to immediately address the one ash tree on Library grounds and to pay for the injections and other needed treatment
9. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 15th at 5:30 to be held in person at Fred’s house. • Other organization representatives will be invited (by Fred) at 6pm to discuss coordination of efforts for FY 2024. • Members of the TC will bring potluck food • No TC meeting in July
10. Additional Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual scavenger hunt of interesting and significant trees – potential program through the library. • Pictures of significant trees around town (and quizzes?) to pique interest in trees and going to our website – photos requested from TC members. • Claudia will work on grant opportunities related to planting trees along streets (esp. Maine Street)
11. Officer Election	FY 2024 officers elected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Fred Chanania • Vice Chair – Molly Hawkins • Recording Secretary – Kelly Scott Claudia Woods will continue to coordinate and direct publicity and outreach
12. Adjournment	Adjourned at 6:24 PM