



West Newbury Tree Committee

Minutes of Meeting of West Newbury Tree Committee

Location: Remote (Zoom)

Thursday, August 24, 2023, 5:30 PM

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

Convened Meeting at 5:30	
1. June Meeting Minutes	Upon motion made and seconded, approved unanimously 3-0.
2. Ash Tree Update	Fred reported that the contract with Bartlett Tree Experts to conduct a follow-up assessment of 177 trees has been signed. The goal is to determine how effective the injections for the 177 trees has been. The Select Board had met twice to consider the proposed contract. The work will be done while the ash trees still have leaves this fall. Any further injections may take action at the next spring town meeting.
3. 9/23 Library Program on Big Trees	The program about Big Trees of Northern New England (Kevin Martin) is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23 starting at 10 AM. Diana agreed to handle the local tree walk and tree ID (or other activity) by the West Newbury Tree Committee that will follow Martin's program. Current plans are for the tree walk to take place in and around the library and the training field. Other TC members are encouraged to assist Diana. Diana will contact Matt Cahill DCR to see if any DCR Tree ID booklets are available.
4. Training Opportunities	The annual Tree Stewardship program sponsored by Mass DCR will be held in Amherst on 10/13 and Newton on 10/27. Diana has signed up for the Newton session. TC members are encouraged to sign up soon as space is limited to 20 persons per session.
5. Other Discussion	The Mill Pond Committee may be considering a request from the Conservation Commission about actions to remove the dead ash trees at the Mill Pond entrance (south side of Rt.113). Various potential issues were briefly discussed, including removal cost, leaving trees in place, role of aesthetics, etc. Molly will let the TC know if any meeting will be taking place.
6. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be Thursday, September 21, remote on Zoom, 5:30 pm
7. Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 6:00 PM