

# WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 1:00 pm, Thursday, April 16, 2020, GoToMeeting platform

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

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Progress report on publicity	FAQ's will be sent to W Amaral for final approval before being posted to website. J Martin's nomination form and introductory paragraph serve to attract people to the mission and present a neighborly attitude. It was suggested that "other" be listed as a category on the form.
2. Black Oaks at Haack residence	Jack Ingram of Bartlett's and F. Chanania visited the oak tree at Haack property. They think it is a possible champion tree. Mr. Ingram was also very happy with the publicity for the tree give-away of last month.
3. Coffin St Development	FC supports the Tree Committee's efforts to explore the track record of the developer. Letters to the Selectmen are due in the comment period over the next month.
4. Process for Significant and Remarkable Tree nominations	Tree measuring skills will take about an hour of training to develop. It was discussed but not decided that a tree should be at least 75% of champion tree value for size to be considered for size. Cultural and historical aspects will be subject to further discussion. JM suggests posting the champion tree guidelines on the website as a general guideline. CW stresses caution in the language used to define the roster in order to encourage the widest public support.
5. Recruitment of associate members	Town website has posting, also will go out with roster email blast.
6. Action Items	MH will close the loop on FAQ's with Tree Warden FC will post finalized Tree Warden FAQs on website JM will produce final of Nomination Form and Introduction CW will wait to interview Mr. Thurlow's brother until it is safe to interact face to face.
Adjournment	1:48 pm

The next meeting will be Thursday May 21, 2020, at 1:00 pm on GoToMeeting platform.