

WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 1:00 pm, Thursday, June 18, 2020, GoToMeeting platform

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

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Minutes review	Minutes of 5/21 meeting were approved with changes 4-0-1 Wayne Amaral abstaining
2. Update on Website	Website had some additions. An email blast went out about "Can Trees Talk?." General agreement that new articles should be bi-monthly.
3. New Associate Member recruitment	Update from Garden Club will be forthcoming (BH to inquire).
4. Next steps for Significant and Remarkable Tree nominations	<p>Committee has received five nomination forms for remarkable trees. JM will circulate nomination forms to members to peruse. The next step will be to take measurements of the nominated trees with the equipment purchased with funds from the Town once the funding for FY 2021 is available, probably July 1.</p> <p>To raise awareness of the nomination process, town meeting could be addressed. Also suggested was to post a natural history treatment of the species of the nominated trees on the website, or to introduce a competitive aspect within a certain species whose specimens are especially notable, i.e., Beech.</p>
5. Tree ID and Info events for the public	Zoom webinar or in person Tree Walks? After many months of Zoom meetings it may be a difficult sell. However, gathering in a group, even outdoors, presents a problem as masks cannot be a requirement for participation despite their proven effectiveness at preventing the spread of Covid-19.
6. Ideas for bi-monthly articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Growth Forests • Climate Change and the NE Forest: • Rick Thurlow interview: BH has a list of long-time residents with whom to talk trees but has not received responses. • Drought and Trees: how much water do trees need to get established and thrive? • Tree Cutting & Replacement: Response to hazard tree cutting as well as other current concerns in town of tree cutting in Withers Conservation Area and River Road. WA could elaborate on why trees fail, what constitutes a hazard, why power line easements require tree removal, plans for tree replacement on public lands. • American Chestnut story

7. Other business	BH has had a few trees injected for Emerald Ash Borer
8. Action Items	JM to circulate S&R tree nominations MH to draft a plan for tree replacements with input from WA BH to followup with Garden Club about Associate Member notice BH to followup with Rick Thurlow about how to converse FC to draft a new website article for July-August - probably "tree care in summer time"
Adjournment	2:05 pm

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