

# WEST NEWBURY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Place: 1:00 pm, Thursday, August 20, 2020, Zoom platform

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

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
1. Minutes review	Minutes of 7/16 meeting were approved with changes 2-0-1 Molly Hawkins abstaining, Claudia Wood not present for voting
2. New Associate Member	Lionel Zupan, not present at meeting.
3. Green School	FC enrolled in program through UMass Extension; others felt its level was for professional arborists and prohibitively expensive.
4. Budget proposal for Town Meeting warrant	Committee members suggest a budget item for replacement trees for Main Street and Training Field. Consensus to replace elm with a variety of elm that is resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. CW and BH will research the elms used in Elm Park planting in Groveland.
5. EAB Zoom presentation from 8/19	FC very happy with the presenters and sent thank you notes to all. Good information and video posted on YouTube, but further efforts needed on just how to disseminate to wider WN population.
6. Evaluation of first year of Tree Committee	General consensus is to focus on tree planting and protection for the next year. One emphasis should be reaching out to other boards and committees, specifically using a proposal to the planning board for large scale replacement policy for any developments. Discussion of better use of other outreach tools, i.e., Facebook or electronic newsletter. In person walks seem to be most useful/ likely to generate enthusiasm about informal discussion of tree issues in town. Programs at library seem to be a good location.
7. Action Items	JM will check with Public Health department for group walk safety recommendations MH to check on school schedules - free time for programs FC to check if library programs possible, and to update the nomination form for significant Scarlet Oak CW and BH to check with Groveland about Elm variety FP and FC to work on replacement proposal for planning board
Adjournment	2:05 pm

The next meeting will be Thursday September 17, 2020, at 7:00 pm on Zoom platform (note new time).