

Hartford Tree Board Meeting
February 16, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Mission: The Tree Board's mission is to plant and maintain public trees and advocate community tree stewardship.

Board Members present: Kathy Lamb, Chair, Clare Forseth, Jeff Arnold, Leif Smedman, Karen Watson, David Barrell, John Sherman

Also attending: Scott Hausler, Parks and Recreation Director, Dana Hazen, Hartford Tree Warden

Meeting Called to Order at 5:06 p.m.

Review and approval of January 19, 2021 Minutes: Amendments to January minutes: The board would like to consider other possible tree planting locations besides Maxfield Sports Complex. The date on minutes should be changed to January 19, 2021. The amended minutes passed unanimously.

- Old Business:
- David Crocco will be the Tree Board liaison from the Park and Recreation Board.
- Welcome to our new member, John Sherman: The board welcomed John and he spoke a bit about his background and interests.
- Tree of the Month: January's trees are the elms at the big CoOp in White River, February's tree is the juniper at Maxfield Sports Complex, March's tree will be the Ash at Veterans' Park. Our Tree of the Month was mentioned in the Calendar section of the "Vermont Country Sampler's" February edition. Clare will contact Brad to find

the species of the tree by the Methodist Church in WR for May's tree of the month.

- Shade Tree Preservation Plan application, update/Jeff: Jeff filled out the application and presented the Letter of Agreement to the board for approval. The board unanimously decided to be one of the 10 towns that will work on their plans for shade tree preservation. Dana Hazen, Clare, Jeff and Leif will be the committee working for the board. The coordinator for the effort is Joanne Garton of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Urban and Community Forestry Program. The work will wrap up by March 31, 2022.
- EAB treatment estimates, Leif and Jeff: EAB is present in Norwich and Windsor. Leif received estimates from Henderson's Tree Service, Chippers and Timber Tender to treat 16 trees. Five trees at the entrance to the High School, eight trees in Veterans' Park, and three trees at Ratcliffe Park. Timber Tender's estimate was the lowest (\$1777.50) and Leif has successfully dealt with this company in the past. Funding for the project would come from the Tree Warden's budget, Park and Recreation's budget and the Tree Board. Leif will reach out to each company again to see if there is a way to lower any of their estimates. Dana will check to see if each of the ash trees being considered is healthy. Scott will send Dana the last two years of tree warden budget spendages.
- Containers and soil for bare root stock coming April 2021: John volunteered to research price and site for ordering fifty 2 gallon containers. Scott can then make the order when the board approves the purchase.
- Research replacement trees/shrubs in the parking lots at the Maxfield Sports Complex, with Parks and Recreation: This item was not directly discussed. Clare suggested the board investigate the Arbor Day Tree Planting Grant offered on the You've Got Treemail site. There are 21 grants of \$1000 to support tree planting projects. Application due March 26th. Kathy and Karen volunteered to look into this grant.
- Reschedule meeting to scout out the Tree ID Walk of 2021, Fairview Terrace, WR. Tabled to March meeting.

- Delivery of maple trivet to Tim: Clare and Jeff thanked Tim for his service and he appreciated the gift.
- Education: Current Trends and Practices: On the You've Got Treemail site it advertised on February 22, 2021 at 12 PM a Bark, Buds and Branches: Lean to Identify Trees in Winter webinar put on by the Vermont Land Trust. You need to sign up ahead of time. No cost except if you want to donate.

Meeting adjourned: 6:15

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, Secretary

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