

Hartford Tree Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
Town Hall Room 2

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

Board Members Present: Leif Smedman, Clare Forseth, John Sherman, Kathy Lamb

Also attending: Dave Crocco, liaison to Parks and Recreation Committee, Scott Hausler Director of Parks and Recreation.

Meeting called to order: 5:07

Review and approval of June 15, 2021 Minutes: June minutes were accepted as written.

Business:

Members of the Board attended a webinar on the new tree warden statutes and the shade tree ordinance, continued discussion: The Board feels as though there should be a deputy tree warden appointed by the Selectboard. Ideally this deputy would be a member of the Tree Board. The Board will talk to Dana and Scott as to how to proceed. Although Tree Boards are not mentioned in the new (or old) statutes, the Board is confident that the Selectboard will continue to find having a town Tree Board as a great asset to the community. Slight revision of the Tree Board Bylaws and the Comprehensive Tree Policy will clarify respective duties.

Memorial Tree for Covid Pandemic: The Board would like to plant a tree highlighting the end of the pandemic. It was suggested that a star magnolia tree could be planted at Lyman Point after some hazardous pines are taken down, timeline? Scott indicated that the removal of the pines is on the schedule, but could not predict a date for their removal.

Maxfield Sports Complex: There are trees that are dying near the parking lots and the Board should look to see how these trees can be replaced. The removal of these trees are also on the schedule and when the work is completed the Board can research replacements if deemed appropriate.

Quechee Green: There appears that six trees on the green are either dead or dying. Scott asked the Board to look at the trees and report back to him.

Review of Bylaws Jeff/Leif: It seems the Board has three related issues to bring before the Selectboard. Revision of the Bylaws and Comprehensive Tree Policy to comply with the new tree warden statutes, appointment of a deputy tree warden (job description, application, etc.),

and approving our, soon to be written, Tree Preservation Policy. The Board felt it would be best to have all three related pieces ready to present to the Selectboard at the same time.

Planting a new tree, in the town owned section of land, near the entrance of the Wilder Picnic Area. A new tree in this place would replace a tree that was removed several years ago. Possible donation of tree by Dan Ramirez. Scott will try to contact Dan and see what he might have in mind.

Meeting adjourned: 6:10

Respectfully submitted, Clare Forseth, Secretary

August Agenda Items:

Tree Sale

Tree ID Walk

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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