

Yarmouth Tree Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Dec 13, 2022, 12-1pm ET

Location: YCS

Attendance: Karyn MacNeill, Lisa Small, Susan Prescott, Rebecca Rundquist, Scott Couture, David Craig, Lisa Wilson, Aaron Kaufman, Steve Ryan, Michael Brandimarte

1. Team expiration discussed
 - a. Staff liaison notified committee of upcoming term expiration of 3 members
 - b. Need 3 people to resign at term and by the end of year. Rebecca, Susan, and Lisa Small agreed to resign their positions at the end of their term and expect to reapply for the role effective January 2023.
2. Discussed Ordinance project and next steps
 - a. Starting discussion with Erin and Steve in the week of Dec. 19th
 - b. Beginning discovery phase of project
 - c. Team recommended:
 - i. Reaching out to public re tree ordinance
 - ii. Define Stakeholders
 - iii. Understand sticky points
 - iv. E.g. Protection of legacy trees
 - v. Canopy Increasing
 - vi. Wrt trees, what is the biggest headache
3. Team listed and prioritized project ideas on heat map
4. Tree fund and citizen determination/access process
 - a. Previously, Yarmouth had a volunteer tree warden and would work with land owners to plant a tree.
 - b. Currently, list of ~20 community members interested in planting a town tree in the town easement on the street.
 - c. Ideally, town could use a process:
 - i. Request and location
 - ii. Assessment/Determination
 - iii. Funding
 - iv. Planting
 - v. Care plan
5. YTAC tree planting recommendations
 - a. Initial planting recommendations and locations were shared with the Tree Warden for the following locations:
 - i. Library
 - ii. Skating Pond
 - iii. Hancock Lumber
 - iv. Need to meet on site to make determinations of planting locations