

## Tree Advisory Committee

### Vision

The Yarmouth Advisory Tree Committee strives to make the town tree canopy healthy, diverse, sustainable, and well-managed.

### Mission

As an advisory group to town staff, boards, committees and the public, the Tree Committee promotes the conservation and stewardship of trees along the town roadways and on town lands. The Tree Committee also provides public education, information, and support for our public and private sectors to understand and maintain tree health and proper tree care (plantings, maintenance, pruning, and removals).

### Areas of Responsibility

- ◆ Town-owned trees in parks, open spaces, municipal and school campuses, or public Rights-of-Way.
- ◆ Review policies and projects regarding trees and landscaping.
- ◆ Support to town staff projects and planning efforts, as needed.

### Tasks

- ◆ Advise the Town Council staff, boards, committees and the public concerning the maintenance, protection, and enhancement of town trees;
- ◆ Upon request, provide advice to the Planning and Codes offices and the Yarmouth Planning Board, Town Council, General Board of Appeals, and Economic Development Advisory Board, Complete Streets Advisory Committee, and any Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee which may be established, on matters, policies, and plan reviews related to tree considerations on private development proposals and plans.
- ◆ Monitor for and recommend actions to treat diseases, pest infestations, and other threatening conditions;
- ◆ Engage in community education including, but not limited to, Arbor Day, private tree plantings, disease prevention, pest infestations, and other community tree programming;
- ◆ Identify sources of funding to support town tree efforts;
- ◆ Advise on projects that involve plantings, removals, or other impacts to the town tree canopy;
- ◆ Recommend policies related to town trees; and
- ◆ Provide education and advocacy for policies and programs needed to implement the tasks described above.

### Committee Structure

Staggered 3-year terms with:

- 2 members to serve an initial term to end December 31, 2022
- 2 members to serve an initial term to end December 31, 2023
- 3 members to serve an initial term to end December 31, 2024

The Committee shall annually elect from its membership a Chair and Secretary who shall provide for the development and distribution of an agenda and shall preside over meetings.

The Committee shall meet on such schedule and at such dates as it shall deem necessary and expedient, but not less frequently than quarterly.

A quorum shall consist of four members.

All meetings and records of the Committee shall be subject to Maine's Freedom of Access Act, and the Committee members shall be subject to Conflict of Interest provisions established by Council Rules