

Hartford Tree Board Meeting  
Trees Matter  
6pm Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
Hartford Town Hall  
3rd Floor Rm 312

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

Board Members present: Deborah Milne, chair, Sarah Oertly, Diane Romano, Clare Forseth  
Others present: Brad Goedkoop, tree warden, Tim Covell, interested resident, Tad Nunez, Parks and Recreation

Call to Order: 6pm

Tree Warden Position: Brad Goedkoop asked the board for time to talk about his position as Hartford Tree Warden. He expressed increasing frustration with his position due to the fact that there are no resources available to him. He had a number of concerns - one being as the town (State) plants more young trees, the necessity to prune these trees increases and yet the expertise, money and equipment are not allocated to serve these and other trees. He questioned that maybe a more aggressive advocate is needed to try to secure these funds and equipment. The board sympathized with him and asked him to put in writing his thoughts so the board will have a better idea on what can be done to help mitigate these concerns.

Welcome and Education: Sarah Oertly shared information on the Box Elder (*Acer negundo* L.) February minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- \*2016 projects - review (see Feb minutes) and create timeline - tabled to April meeting
- \*Poster sales: tabled to April meeting

New Business:

\*Arbor Day Tree/Shrub Sale - the sale will be on the Bugbee Parking Lot (Diane will notify Bugbee) on May 7th from 9-12 noon. The board will secure shrubs/fruit trees from Northern Nursery (Tad will call Mike at Northern Nursery). Diane may have some stock to sell from her personal nursery. We will not sell bare root trees. Discussion about 20% vs 30% markup led to a decision to scout around for prices at other retail stores. Also needed was a write-up about benefits of different shrubs/trees to wildlife. A review of what sold last year might be helpful.

Planting at West Hartford Library: Where will we get a Sycamore tree and who will spearhead the planting? No discussion or decision made.

Meeting adjourned: 7:07

Respectively submitted: Clare Forseth

