

## Tree Board Meeting

Town of Hartford Municipal Building

August 16, 2016

Board Members: Deborah Milne, Chair; Sarah Oertly; Diane Romano; Carole Haehnel; Clare Forseth  
Other: Tad Nunes, Parks & Recreation: Tim Covell, resident; Karen Watson, resident

Call to Order: 6:03 pm

Education Info: Diane Romano gave Karen Watson an answer to her question about a tree she saw. It could be an American Basswood. Deborah Milne asked about the tree board library. It is at Clare Forseth's house because of the building renovation. It will be moved back to the Municipal Building.

Minutes: The July 19, 2016 minutes were approved as written. A question was made about a treasurer's report. Tad Nunez will get the Trees Matter financial statement for each meeting.

### Old Business:

- Final Report Poster Grant: By adding the value of Clare Forseth's volunteer hours, the grant was completed. We received a check for \$375. It was not necessary to purchase a banner.
- Volunteer Hours: Diane Romano explained the process, and that the forms were not due until the end of the year. Karen Watson suggested we add the business volunteer time to the total.
- Tree Warden Budgetary Needs: Deborah submitted to Tad Nunes a draft letter to the town manager supporting the tree warden's request. She will finish it and sent copies to the appropriate people.
- Tree Education: We did not have any tree education by the members in July or August. Deborah Milne wished to know if we wanted to continue doing it. We had a discussion and decided to start again in September. Clare Forseth volunteered to do the education.
- Confirm Tree Walks. They were confirmed as in the July minutes. \*Sept.17<sup>th</sup> Radcliffe Park

### New Business:

- Banner: Everyone is to decide what they want the banner to be like and report at the next meeting. We need some specifics.
- Elm Tree: People have sent the tree warden a letter inquiring about the wood from the dead Elm at the Municipal Building. Tad Nunes will research the issue.
- Veterans Park Trees: Carole Haehnel questioned whether there was Buckthorn in the park? Clare Forseth said she thought they are Chokecherry.
- Tree Identification. Deborah Milne wants the board to start thinking about identifying trees around town for a long term project.

Adjourn: 7:09 pm

Respectfully submitted: Diane Romano