

## Tree Board Meeting

Town of Hartford Municipal Building

November 15, 2016

Board Members: Deborah Milne, Chair; Diane Romano; Carole Haehnel; Clare Forseth; Karen Watson; Sarah Oertly; Tim Covell

Others: Tad Nunez, Parks & Recreation; Brad Goedkoop. Tree Warden

Call to Order: 6:07 pm

Education Info: Clare Forseth brought in an article from the Valley News; "Study Says Planting Trees in Cities Can Save Thousands of Lives". She also remarked about the beautiful yellow Tamarack trees on Rte. 91 north of Saint Johnsbury.

Minutes: The October 18, 2016 minutes were approved as written.

### Old Business:

- Tree Identification Project: Clare Forseth brought in signage samples of River Birch, Crab Apple, Sugar Maple and Gingko. Methods of fastening were discussed. Clare will call Voss Signs and inquire as to if the signs can be individualized, information on fastening, and if we can get some tree signs for some other trees indigenous to this area.
- Banner: Karen Watson reported that the banner, sandwich board and table throw have been ordered for a total of \$483.27. The members of the Tree Board were pleased with the designs.
- Housekeeping:
  1. By Laws; The by-laws were reviewed and minor grammatical errors were found and corrected.
  2. Comprehensive Tree Policy; Since the policy has not been reviewed since 2010 and it has to be approved by the select board, it was decided that Tad Nunez, Brad Geodkoop, and Deborah Milne will meet to review it first. Then, it will be brought to the tree board at the December meeting.
  3. Strategic Plan; This will be reviewed at the January meeting. We will also get an updated meeting schedule and contact information.

### New Business:

- 2017 Officer Nominations:  
Chair-Sarah Oertly, Vice-Chair-Karen Watson, Secretary-Diane Romano, Treasurer- Carole Haehnel

Tree Education: Carole Haehnel brought information on the Katsura Tree. One was noted during the July tree identification walk.

Adjourn: 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Diane Romano