

Tree Board Meeting

Town of Hartford Municipal Building

February 21, 2017

Mission: To plant and maintain public trees and advocate community tree stewardship

Board Members: Sara Oertly, Chair; Deborah Milne; Diane Romano; Carole Haehnel; Tim Covell

Others: Tad Nunez, Parks & Recreation; Lori Hirshfield, Director, Dept. of Planning & Development; Brad Goedkoop, Tree Warden

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

Education Info: Deborah Milne presented an article from the Valley News: "Like Human Skin, Tree Bark Can Be Both Beautiful and Practical". Diane Romano brought in a proposal for a grant from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program: "2017 Caring for Canopy Grants". After discussion, it was decided that Tad Nunez and Brad Goedkoop would investigate the need for a tree pruning plan and if that fits the requirements for the grant.

Minutes: The January 17, 2017 minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

- Tree I D Project: Tabled until March
- Trees Matter Budget Account: No Change
- Strategic Plan: The plan was reviewed and a review of the time line was done. Tad will make the changes and bring the new forms back for discussion at the next meeting in March.
- WR Thursday Market: Diane Romano made reservations, from Betsy Wheeler, for the four Thursdays in April, 2017 from 11am -2 pm. Diane Romano will bring a sign-up form to the March meeting.

New Business:

- Quechee Pocket Park: Lori Hirshfield presented the Landscaping & Signage Plan by Holden Engineering & Surveying, Inc. The following discussion included line-of-sight, Red Maples, and Spirea.
- Tree Board Rep to Town Planning /Zoning Dept.: Tim Covell volunteered.
- Tree ID Walk: March 18, 2017 at Dothan Brook School from 10:00am -12 noon. Sarah Oertly and Brad Goedkoop will be leaders.
- Hartford Community Day March 4, 2017: No decision made.
- Arbor Day Tree Sale May 6, 2017: Tabled until March meeting.

Tree Education: Tim Covell brought in an article from the Valley News; "Mapping Trees in Major Cities". Treepedia's Green Index gives Singapore the highest Score. Vancouver, B.C. was second.

Adjourn: 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Diane Romano