

Tree Board Meeting

Town of Hartford Municipal Building

April 18, 2017

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

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

Others: Scott Hausler, Asst. Director Parks & Recreation

Call to Order: 6:03 pm

Education Info: Clare brought in an article from the Valley News entitled "People Appreciate a Big Tree". Large trees in New Hampshire include horse chestnut, European beech, black spruce and American mountain ash. Karen Watson reported on a cracked willow near Dartmouth's Thompson Arena. Carole Haehnel had information from the VT Natural Resources Council E News. Diane Romano gave Scott Hausler information from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Town Forest Assistance Program.

Minutes: The March 21, 2017 minutes were approved as amended.

Old Business:

- Tree Identification Project: Clare Forseth talked with Twin State Typewriter about waterproof stickers for the signs. If feasible, she will obtain them.
- Trees Matter Budget Account: Tabled until May meeting
- WR Thursday Market: Clare Forseth and Diane Romano manned the sale the first two weeks. There were no sales, but good publicity for the tree board. We need a table as we borrowed one from them. Clare was going to provide one, but Scott Hausler said he would have one ready to be picked up at 10:30 am, April 20th.
- Arbor Day Sale: Logistics were discussed. Diane Romano will call Northern Nursery and find out when it would be convenient for us to go to pick out the plants. Clare Forseth, Karen Watson and Diane Romano will participate.
- Confirm VT Arbor Day Conference: Carole Haehnel, Karen Watson, Clare Forseth, and Tim Covell will attend.

New Business:

- Tree Policies: Scott Hausler will provide the board copies if the Comprehensive Trees Policy, Strategic Plan & Timeline, and By-Laws next month.

Tree Education: Clare Forseth provided education on the American hornbeam also known as iron wood. Carole Haehnel volunteered for next month.

Adjourn: 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Diane Romano