

Hartford Tree Board Meeting
June 15, 2021
Town Hall Rm 312
5 pm

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

Board Members present: Clare Forseth, Jeff Arnold,
Leif Smedman, Karen Watson, John Sherman, David Barrell

Also attending: Scott Hausler, Parks and Recreation Director, Dave Crocco, liaison to Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting called to order: 5:10 pm

Review and approval of amended May 18, 2021 minutes: Add Dave Crocco as attending as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Business:

- EAB Day, May 22nd, recap: Although attendance was sparse, planning the event got the board excited and involved. Perhaps in the future, the event should be held in conjunction with another Town event such as First Friday.
- Ash tree injections update: Timber Tender will inoculate the ash trees at 9 am Friday, June 18th. Available Board members will attend and document the procedure. Scott will confirm with Timber Tender. Apparently the three trees at Ratcliffe Park may have been left off the list of trees to be inoculated.
- Leif, Tree Warden School, and lifetime career of working in the pulp and paper industry in Scandinavia: Leif reported that profits from pulpwood sales is Sweden's major contribution to their welfare program. Their major exporter is the United States . The industry

can't expand more than the number of trees ready to be harvested. Private landowners are required to plant trees on their land and allow the municipality to periodically harvest the trees for pulpwood. 50% of the wooded area is in the hands of private owners. Landowners are open to sharing their land with others for hiking and camping.

- Dana, Tree Warden report, timing variable: Communication has been difficult with Dana and the board would like to know the best way to connect with him with questions and concerns. The Board's current concerns have to deal with the condition of the trees on the Quechee green and the state of the Tree Warden's budget. Some members of the Board will be attending a webinar on the new tree warden statutes and the shade tree ordinance and may have a better idea of the role of the Tree Board and tree warden. Continued discussion at the July meeting.
- Memorial Tree for covid pandemic: The Board would like to plant a tree highlighting the end of the pandemic. It was suggested that a star magnolia tree could be planted at Lyman point after some hazardous pines are taken down.
- Maxfield Sports Complex: There are trees that are dying near the parking lots and the Board should look to see how these trees can be replaced.
- Review of Bylaws Jeff/Leif: postponed till July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, Secretary

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2021