

Tree Board Meeting  
Hartford Town Hall  
June 16, 2020  
Outdoor Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Members present: Karen Watson, Kathy Lamb, Chair, Clare Forseth, Jeff Arnold, David Barrell, Leif Smedman

Also attending:

Meeting Called to Order 6:05 pm

The Board welcomed David Barrell and Leif Smedman as new members to the board.

Review and approval of January 21, 2020 Minutes: (No meeting in February due to weather nor in March, April, May due to Coronavirus State shelter in place orders). The minutes approved unanimously.

#### Old Business

- Tree Warden Report, planting of trees at Town Hall - the three trees, tulip, tupelo and black walnut are looking good. Still a question about paying LaMontagne for the planting but most agreed that it's gracious to accept a donation of time and personnel. All expressed what a generous donation it was. Parks and Rec had a blurb about the plantings. David suggested calling DayBreak to give info about the plantings. Clare will put an announcement in Hartford list-serve. We will get t-shirts and prints out to Jim LaMontagne. Board members voiced a desire to continue/upgrade project of naming trees in public areas.
- Tree of the month update - July tree of the month will be the sassafras at Maxfield Sports Complex. We should announce in DayBreak as well as Hartford List-serve and Parks and Rec weekly email.

#### New Business

- Nursery status, inventory and care: Jeff will check with Scott about watering the trees in the nursery.
- Updates for round-a-bout vegetation on Sykes Avene. The plans are already in place, so no fear of them being replaced with a sign.
- Update on Brookmeade Circle: If the association wants to replace the pine trees at their expense, they can work with the tree warden. The details are sketchy

because so much time has passed since it was brought up before stay at home orders because of the pandemic. Brad will follow up on the issue.

- Treasurer's Report, discussion of possible revenue resources - \$1700 in budget. \$40 a month being taken out for cellular Verizon service. Brad and Jeff will follow-up on this payment. \$1100 was spent for the 3 trees on the green.
- Fund raising: Tree Sale: September 26th. The board should advertise with Vital Communities, Woodstock Standard, DayBreak, Park and Rec and Upper Valley list-serve.
- The tamarack is looking good at Dothan Brook School.
- A committee would like to plant something near the limber pine at Datamann even though we did not receive the grant. Clare, Kathy, and Karen will look into amending soil and getting low maintenance plants for fall planting.
- Planning of tree walks for 2020 - Hartford Village. October 10th

Education: Jeff shared before and after pictures of the tree pruning at Maxfield Sports Complex. He also shared great pictures of the bark of trees on his property. Leif shared a couple of great walks in Quechee that the board may want to do a tree walk. A field trip may be planned by Leif and David.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,  
Clare Forseth, Secretary

Signed By: Verbal Signature  
from 7/21/2020  
Meeting

Date: 7/23/2020  
Kay