

Tree Board Meeting
Hartford Town Hall
July 21, 2020
Socially Distanced 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, Tim Covell
Also attending: N/A

Meeting Called to Order 6:05

Review and approval of June 16, 2020 Minutes: Amended July minutes approved unanimously. Brad Goedkoop was in attendance.

Old Business:

- Tree of the Month Update: The next tree of the month will be a tree at West Hartford Library. Clare will investigate and email the board what tree will be highlighted.
- Arbor Day sale, September 26th: Northern Nurseries is willing to supply plants for the sale. The board will wear masks and spread the plants out for social distancing. The procedures for the sale were reviewed. Board members can add perennials to the sale. Karen and Jeff volunteered to make the selection of shrubs at Northern Nurseries. Kathy and David and Lief will tag plants a couple of days before. Clare will make up the tags. Jeff will take care of the money. Other jobs: transporting trees from our nursery to sale and pricing the trees. Everyone will be at the sale.
- Tree Walk October 10th: Hartford Village. Karen will get in touch with Pat Stark of the Historical Society to see if the walk can include the historic house and if they have any info on tree canopy in the past. Each member

will take a few trees to present to participants. Interested board members will meet October 3rd at 10 am at Hartford Library parking lot for pre-walk.

Future Tree Walk in Quechee: Interested board members can meet August 22nd at Quechee Library at 10 am to drive to Quechee Section to check it out for a future tree walk.

- Management of Tree Board iPad: Jeff is interested in finding out about the tree inventory on the iPad. He will get the iPad from Scott, play around with it and will report back in August.
- History, and management, of Tree Board plantings: The board discussed the list of trees planted by the board in the past. Some members questioned whether the board should oversee these trees.

New Business:

- Petition the Select Board: Motion: The Hartford tree board would like to move to recommend to the select board a tree warden be found as soon as possible to oversee the care and pruning of our Urban treescape. The motion passed unanimously. Karen will write-up the many reasons why a tree warden is a necessity and add that to our motion.
- Time of Tree Board meetings: the board would like to move the start of the monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday to 5 pm. Some people found 6 pm interferes with dinner. Maybe Scott would like to have the meeting closer to the end of his work day.

Education: Current Trends & Practices: None mentioned

Meeting Adjourned 7:25

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, Secretary

Signed By: _____

Date: _____