

Tree Board Meeting
Hartford Town Hall
August 18, 2020
Socially Distanced Outdoor Meeting, 5:00 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, Leif Smedman, Tim Covell

Also attending: Scott Hausler, Parks and Recreation Director

- Meeting Called to Order 5:10
- Approval of July 21, 2020 minutes: The minutes passed unanimously
- Old Business:
- Tree of the month: Jeff reminded the board to be sure to get approval for expenses. He came upon the bill from Anything Printed for the Tree of the Month signs and wasn't sure of the approval for the expense. September's tree is a box elder. We will look for a box elder at Veteran's Park. Jon Boutin ^{on asked if the} ~~wants~~ ^{would like to} the board to highlight a riparian buffer tree planted by school children. Clare will talk to Jon about an area for a tree of the month next year. The board discussed a desire to include children in our program when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.
- Arbor Day Sale on September 26th: Clare will get copies to Jeff and Karen of last year's inventory from Northern Nursery. Work groups and responsibilities:
 - Karen and Jeff: select Northern Nursery stock week before.
 - Kathy, David and Lief will tag plants a couple of days before.
 - Clare will make up the tags and spreadsheet
 - Jeff will take care of the money.

- Tim, Jeff will transport nursery trees to sale and price the trees.
- Everyone will be at the sale.
- Clare and Karen will label trees in nursery next few weeks.
- Clare coffee and donuts.
- Tree Walk October 10th Hartford Village 10-noon. Clare will email list of trees and assign trees for each member to present.
 - Karen will try to contact Pat Stark at Historical Society to possibly stop by during/after the walk.
- Future Tree Walk in Quechee pre-walk (August 22nd at 10 AM): Interested members meet at Quechee Library. Lief will lead us on the River Trail (shorter trail). Rain or shine.
- New Business:
- Letter to select board: The board signed the petition to the select board stating the importance of finding a tree warden as soon as possible and to celebrate Brad's work as Tree Warden. Karen will send petition to Select Board.
- Ash grant through VT Urban and Forestry Program: Brad emailed suggestions as to some ideas that might be considered for the grant. The Board discussed Brad's ideas and wondered if the Board had the expertise to pursue the grant. Karen will talk to Jon Boutin on the Conservation Commission and see if they were interested. The board will let the Conservation commission know that our interest would be in investigating treatments for prominent ash trees in town - Veterans Park and/or Tip Top.
- Education: Current Trends and Practices: None discussed.
- Meeting Adjourned: 6:20

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, Secretary

Signed By: Kathy Lamb Date: 9-15-2020
Clare Forseth 9-16-2020

9/12/20

DRIVEWAY

winter berry

Service berry

Cottonwood ✓

pee pee hydrangea

tulip tree

paper birch ✓

Cottonwood ✓

Alternate leaf dogwood

Sycamore ✓

Paper birch ✓

Cottonwood ✓

winter berry

Sycamore ✓

paper birch ✓

Choke cherry ✓

red maple

Sycamore ✓

white oak ✓

Choke cherry ✓

horse chestnut

Service berry

white oak ✓

choke cherry ✓

yellow wood

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white oak ✓

Red Maple ✓

~~yellow wood~~

yellow winter wood ✓

Black cherry ✓

Red Maple ✓

sugar maple

?

Black cherry ✓

Red Maple ✓

red bud

Balsam fir

Black cherry ✓

Service berry ✓

red bud