

Hartford Tree Board Meeting
October 19, 2021
Hartford Town Hall
Room 312 5:00 pm

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

Board Members Present: Clare Forseth, Kathy Lamb, Karen Watson, Jeff Arnold, David Barrell

Meeting called to order: 5:10

Review and approval of September 21, 2021 Minutes: September minutes were approved with correction to name David as voicing the second motion.

Business

- Tree Identification walk review: The walk was well attended. Lots of pictures were taken. The Quechee Times publication was interested in reviewing the walk and Jeff wrote an article for them and sent some pictures. David suggested making a video of future walks for CATV? Or selectboard? Jeff indicated he has video experience. Also suggested was to have samples of the wood of popular trees to show participants.
- Quechee Rotunda progress, availability of P & R for removal, notice to the public prior: The family that has the memorial tree for Margaret Dandean has indicated that they will contribute to the trees. Because the trees did not do well, Jon Hartland might be a good reference for what kind of trees to plant. Salt tolerant and dry tolerant trees may be needed. The board is waiting for input from Scott as to when this project can move forward.
- Arbor Day Grant project, planting of trees at Dothan Brook School: Two maples were planted with the help from two 3rd grade classes. The watering plan - three days in a row, then once a week till frost will be done by the classes if possible, with board members for back up. The arch, the pan and the buckets were also part of the grant. The arch is done, Dan and Whits has a kit that has the taps, buckets and pan. We will meet all requirements of the grant by the end of the year.
- Suggestions for Tree of the Month for 2022, Clare's suggestions: Clare will send the list to the board. More suggestions were given and will be incorporated in the list. A suggestion was made that a booklet of The Parks of Hartford and significant trees in each park might be a future project.
- Identifying trees on public land that need attention from the Board or citizen volunteers: There was a discussion about whether the board has the expertise to help citizens with tree problems. The board and future tree warden may be busy with a plan for pruning/monitoring public trees.

The tree warden in the past has helped property owners with tree issues and will continue to in the future.

- Tree Warden opening, filling the position, division of tree care within our parks: Jeff has asked Daniel Ramirez if he might be interested in the position but has not heard back from him. Jeff attended a selectboard meeting and spoke to the need of a tree warden in Hartford.

Meeting Adjourned 6:10

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, Secretary

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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