

Hartford Tree Board Meeting

November 16, 2021

Hartford Town Hall

5:00 pm Room 312

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

Board Members Present: Leif Smedman, Clare Forseth, Karen Watson, David Barrell

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

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

Review and approval of October 19, 2021, minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Business:

- Update, Quechee Rotunda project (notice to public & tree removal): David suggested contacting Stephen Dandean to work with us on planting. We need to think about why the trees died. The soil may need to be amended. The oak seems to be doing well. We should work with Ken Lallier (Quechee Lakes property management) for ideas. Lief will contact Ken to set up a meeting at the site either Thursday, November 18th or Monday 29th.
- Update, maple sugaring grant at DBS: \$1100 will be reimbursed when the project is complete. Kathy is still looking for the sugaring pan. She will ask for an extension if she needs it.
- Tree of the Month, Clare: Clare shared a list of 2020, 2021 and tentative 2022 list of Tree of the Month candidates. Anyone with suggestions please forward to Clare.
- Recap of Shade Tree Seminar, Jeff: Jeff couldn't attend the seminar.
- Ideas for dissemination / publicity re trees: Karen is interested in piggybacking on the Cop26 (the 26th Conference of the Parties) by having the Town highlight "The Year of the Tree" on the town annual report. Ideas included featuring photos of the three trees recently planted on the town property and different sayings pertaining to the benefits of trees. Karen will write up an explanation for the selectboard, and other interested parties and contact Scott for ideas.
- Update, Tree Warden replacement: Scott got the need for a Tree Warden on an upcoming selectboard meeting. The board will attend the meeting to show support.
- Recruitment, Tree Board member: Clare will post the opening on the Hartford listserv and maybe have something in Parks and Rec site.

- ID trees on public lands: Maxfield might be a good place to continue labeling trees . David will check out what has been done and report what he might like to see changed.

Adjourn 5:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, Secretary

Signed this 12/14 day of December, 2021.

Kathy James