

Tree Board Meeting
Hartford Town Hall
February 19, 2019

Mission: To plant and maintain public trees and advocate community tree stewardship

Board Members Present: Clare Forseth, Tim Covell, Carole Haehnel, Deborah Milne
Others: Jeff Arnold, Candidate for Tree Board Member, Jon Bouton from Conservation Commission, Scott Hausler Director of Parks and Recreation. Kevin Stuart from Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting called to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Education: Current Trends and Practices: Clare weeded out the resources in the Tree Board Library in Park and Recreation closet. There are some good reference books and pamphlets in the library.

Approval of January 15, 2019 Minutes: Approved unanimously as amended to correct Tom Ostler name and add March 16, 2019 tree walk.

Old Business:

***Tree Board Openings:** Jeff Arnold will go before Selectboard in March for approval to join the Tree Board. Jeff has a background and interest in forestry. We still have one more opening to fill.

***Review By-Laws:** The Board will review By-Laws and discuss during March meeting.

***Finance Report:** Balance of \$1,744.16

***March 16, 2019 Tree Walk:** Brad is concerned that the Rt 5 and 14 Walk from Co-op to Park and Ride in March may be too cold/windy with lots of traffic. The Board came up with alternatives for Brads consideration: Wright Reservoir, Hartford Village, Quechee Pocket Park up the Bluff Street, Marshland Farms Inn.

New Business:

***Tree Warden Report** (given via email)

1) The pruning schedule for this winter will commence within the next 2 -3 weeks. There was an interesting variance on quotes but we have an excellent numbers from Trees Inc. I'll be in touch with them during the process.

2) the pruning work will address the park and ride trees Clare identified.

***Goals for 2019:** The Board would like the Chair to be present for updating goals, so it is put off till April.

***Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Sale Planning:** The annual sale will be May 4th from 9:00 to 12:00. We will contact Northern Nursery in April and plan on selling trees in our nursery.

Jon Bouton reported that the Maxfield Sports Complex Tree ID signs need to be checked as they are on the wrong trees. Scott will contact the Eagle Scout, Hunter Noyes and coordinate with Tree Board to fix error.

***Conservation Report by Jon Bouton:** The Conservation Commission is working with the Town Planning Committee on revising the Natural Resources section of the Town Plan. The commission received a grant to look at town Forest Recreational plans in coordination with other towns. They have mapped trails in the various tracts of public land. A spreadsheet was made of what is needed to do on all the trails and the commission will prioritize

the work on the trails. The commission will be talking with and educating landowners about interesting land resources on their property.

March Agenda items: Tree Sale, Review By-Laws, Report on March tree walk, welcome new tree board members, tree warden report.

Adjourned: 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Clare Forseth

Signed By: _____

Date: _____

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