

Hartford Tree Board Meeting
May 18, 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting
5 pm

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

Board Members present: Kathy Lamb, Chair, Clare Forseth, Jeff Arnold, Leif Smedman, Karen Watson, John Sherman, David Barrell

Also attending Scott Hausler, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting called to order: 5:13 pm

Review and approval of amended April 20, 2021 minutes: Include David Barrell as attendee. Approved unanimously.

Business:

- Leif, Tree Warden School, and lifetime career of working in the pulp and paper industry in Scandinavia: Postponed to June meeting.
- Dana, Tree Warden report: Postponed to June meeting.
- EAB Day, May 22nd, confirm tasks for members: Each member gave a short presentation of what they will contribute, and Jeff volunteered to email each member that list.
- Leif, trees on the Quechee Green: Leif reported that three of the trees on the green have leaders that have leafed out and may be able to be saved. Quechee Lakes has committed to water and it was suggested that mulching/amending the soil around the trees will keep lawn mowers/trimmers from harming the bark. Dana should evaluate the

trees and report back to board. We will continue to discuss plans for that area. Leif also noted that overhanging branches in Main St Quechee should be looked at.

- Memorial Tree for the Covid pandemic, Karen: Postponed to June
- Jeff/Leif, review of bylaws: Postponed to June

Other Business:

- Two trees were recently highlighted: Weeping White Spruce to fill in space in the landscape. Bradford pear - planted plentifully in the upper valley but has since been labeled invasive.
- Karen and Clare will water the three trees at Town Hall planted by the Tree Board. It was suggested that LaMontagne might help in pruning the trees in the future.
- Jeff will be interviewed by Rick Seringari about the EAB and our informational day on Saturday, May 22, 2021.
- Members should email Karen W. their thoughts on how the Tree Board and the tree warden should interact and work together. And, what each member wants from a tree warden.
- Items for June agenda: EAB injection process, Leif sharing experiences, Report from Dana, Quechee trees, memorial tree, bylaws.

Meeting adjourned: 6:37

Next meeting at Town Hall (outside or inside): June 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, Secretary