

Tree Board Meeting
Hartford Town Hall
January 15, 2019

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

Board Members: Clare Forseth, Tim Covell, Carole Haehnel, Deborah Milne

Others: Brad Goedkoop, Tree Warden, Scott Hausler Director of Parks and Recreation. Kevin Stuart of Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting called to order 6:10

Education: Current Trends and Practices: A non-profit, MORE, will collect gently used running and fitness shoes at River Valley Club and plant trees in West Africa with profits from their resale. Article in Valley News about removing dying and dead pines in Pine Park in Hanover.

Approval of October 16, 2018 passed unanimously. November 20, 2018 minutes passed unanimously (no meeting in December).

Old Business:

*Tree Board Openings: The Tree Board currently has two positions open. Deborah will contact the Town Manager's Office for special dispensation to stay on the board while living temporarily out of town. Clare will send a message on line in search of new members.

*New Officer Nominations: Karen Watson for Chair, Tim Covell for Vice Chair, Carole Haehnel for Treasurer and Clare Forseth for secretary were nominated and voted in unanimously.

New Business:

*Review of 2018 Accomplishments: Digital Tree Inventory, Native Tree Recommendations, Landscaping Guidelines. Tree ring protection discussions with DPW and Parks and Recreation, Signage installed at Maxfield Sports Complex (to be expanded to other venues), Tree nursery, Tree & Shrub sale, Tree Walks

*Goals for 2019: Put off to February meeting

*Initial Arbor Day Planning: Scott will talk to Northern Nursery to see if they will host our tree and shrub sale as in the past. We will also dig up the trees in the nursery that are big enough to sell.

*Tree Warden Report: Brad is making a usable map of White River Junction for pruning purposes. He wants to work on the entrance to High School, jug handle and down Rt 14. Pine Street elms need pruning also. Town Hall Trees for Leo: Brad would like to check the soil before planting the trees. Need to pick location - near the trees that were taken out. Brad will find people to plant the three trees. Martha McDaniels from Energy Commission will help with EAB planning with Tree Board. Tom Hostler from Vocational School is in discussions also. Maybe Landfill could be used as staging place for trees that the town takes down and could be used by townspeople to take away for heating.

Agenda items for February: Goals for 2019. Arbor Day Planning. Review Bylaws. Finance Report. Tree walk in March tentatively Rt 5 and 14.

Meeting adjourned 7:22

Respectively submitted by Clare Forseth

Signed By: _____

Dated: _____