

Tree Board Meeting

Hartford Town Hall

April 16, 2019

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

Board Members Present: Clare Forseth, Tim Covell, Carole Haehnel, Deborah Milne, Jeff Arnold, Karen Watson

Meeting called to Order: 6:04

Education: Current Trends and Practices: Karen Watson shared a brochure on the Neem tree from ECHO (Reducing Hunger, Improving Lives Worldwide) from her visit there in Florida.

Approval of February 19, 2019 Minutes: Approved unanimously. There was no meeting in March.

Old Business:

***Review By-Laws:** The Board reviewed the wording of quorum in the By-Laws with satisfaction. No changes were made.

***March 16, 2019 Tree Walk:** Successful walk in Quechee village. Sixteen people braved the windy and cold weather.

Good discussions throughout and all had a good time.

Next walk will be June 22nd lead by Karen and Carole. Dothan Brook Trails will be the target of the walk. More to come as Karen and Carole meet and investigate the walk.

***Arbor Day Conference:** 5 people are going to the conference in Burlington on May 2nd and will carpool.

New Business:

***Tree Warden Report Pruning:** Trees Inc out of Rutland did the work for \$2700 on the Elms on church Street and Pine St, trees on Rt 5 jug handle, and area going into high school. Trees on the hill going up to High School were on State Highway and Brad needed permits to get punning done. Winter pruning is completed.

Homeowner at 279 S. Main Street would like to have work done to trees on steep embankment with trees hanging over the buildings. Owner wants to take the trees down, but the embankment may be compromised. Brad will continue working with homeowner.

***Goals for 2019:** Continuing goals: Digital Tree Inventory by Brad, Updated recommended Tree plantings, presentation/alerts re EAB, guidelines on preferred Landscaping continued, expand tree nursery, tree walks (3), tree and shrub sale, tree ID signage continued and expanded.

Finish Guidelines Committee Karen, Jeff and Clare was formed.

***Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Sale:** Clare will call Northern Nursery to set up dates and email the board. Jeff will contact Sylvia Provost to see if she would work with us on inventory.

***Agenda items for May:** June Tree ID walk progress, discuss tree sale, tree plantings at Town Hall

Adjourned: 7:25

Respectfully submitted, Clare Forseth

Signed By:

Date: