

Tree Board Meeting
Hartford Town Hall
May 21, 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, Kathy Lamb (future Board Member)

Others: Brad Goedkoop, Tree Warden, Mike Goedkoop, Kevin Stuart, Park and Rec liaison

Meeting called to order 6:00 PM

Education: Current trends and Practices: Woman in Idaho made a free neighborhood library from dead tree. Loggers cutting ash trees in upstate NY before EBA arrives. EAB hand out from Karen.

Approval of Minutes: April minutes approved unanimously.

*The Board welcomed Kathy Lamb as our soon to be newest member. She will be confirmed by the select board soon.

Old Business:

*Recap, Tree and Shrub Sale: We made \$748 this year. \$230 from our own nursery. We increased prices from Northern Nursery stock to 50%.

*Recap Nursery: 24 trees were bought from Intervale, potted and put into our nursery at Maxfield Sports Complex. The trees cost a total of \$109.

*Recap Arbor Day Conference sponsored by VT Urban & Community Forestry Program: Much was learned from the conference. Jeff, Karen and Clare attended talks on pests, urban care of trees, active forest management on town forests and water's path to the forest floor.

*Report from Tree Warden: Brad and Mike cleaned out and pruned a memorial Black Tupelo on South Kilowatt Park. In North Kilowatt Park Brad and Mike found some trees for the Board's nursery. Brad suggested we might want to do a walk on ID-ing very young trees. A Red Oak, Pagoda Dogwood, Big leaf linden (basswood), quaking aspen, and red maple were taken from power lines right of way (with permission) and planted in town nursery.

*Recommended Landscaping guidelines: Jeff, Karen, and Clare will meet to discuss the guidelines and how they may be used by the town/developers.

Next Tree Walk at Dothan Brook School, June 22. Karen suggested we might plant a tree at the end of the walk. June 8th will be a pre-walk at 1pm.

New Business:

*Status of tree removal at Dothanbrooktrails.org They have taken down a whole area of trees and no one seems to know why or what will be done with the cleared acreage.

*New Members: People inquiring about the tree board get a packet of information from Town Manager's office. They fill out an application. The application comes to Park and Rec. The Tree Board would like to see this application and have the applicant attend a meeting.

*Suggestions for next meeting's agenda: None were discussed.

Adjourned: 7:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Forseth, secretary

Signed By: _____

Clare Forseth

Date: _____

June 18, 2019