

Hartford Tree Board Minutes
Town of Hartford Municipal Building
June 18, 2019

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

Board Members Present: Tim Covell, Carole Haehnel, Deborah Milne, Clare Forseth
Others: Scott Hausler, Director of Parks and Recreation, Kevin Stuart, Liaison from Parks and Recreation, Brad Goedkoop, Hartford Tree Warden

Call to Order: 6:10 pm

Education/Current Trends & Practices: Clare reported EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) found in Bristol, VT. First detection in Addison County. The flight season is from June to end of September.

Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2019 minutes unanimously approved

Old Business:

***Tree Warden Report:** Little Tree and Brad have put out purple traps for EAB at Ratcliffe Park, Entrance to High School and another is at Town Hall. The traps are sticky and they collect insects that will be monitored.

Brook Meade Circle condo association wants to take out a number of trees in public right of way. The trees are not hazards or sickly although they aren't great white pines. The statutes say the land owners need to request a public hearing to request to remove the trees. Brad will meet with the interested parties next week.

Bullard Street has a silver maple leaning over power lines in public right of way. The Power Company was called and they reported that they didn't see an immediate problem. The town will continue to monitor the tree.

***Tree ID Walk:** at Dothan Brook School, June 22nd 10 AM to noon. It was suggested and supported that each member attending the walk can pick a tree and present it. Carole will present Little Leaf Linden and Basswood, Jeff will present quaking aspen, Tim will present Tamarack, Deborah will present beech. Clare will present white pine. Karen and Carole are leaders. An updated list of past Tree Walks was distributed.

***Report from the Preferred Landscaping Guidelines committee:** Clare, Jeff and Karen met with Hannah Tyler, head of Public Works, and gave her a copy of Vermont Green Streets Guide. She gave us some information on projects and people that we could coordinate with/investigate in our quest for greener parking lots and streets. We specifically mentioned the redoing of South Main Street and Hannah said that she would keep us updated on that project. A copy of the pamphlet was also given to Brad and a member of the Conservation Commission.

***Update on Tree Nursery:** The trees are looking good and are being watered. Clare made a legend of the trees for identification.

***Adopt a tree program:** Tabled to be discussed at the July meeting.

***Update on tree signage and no parking reminders:** Scott reported that the gate is locked and Park and Rec are monitoring the situation. Scott felt that no other action was necessary.

***Dothan Brook Trails:** A discussion around the advisability of the tree board getting involved in private property situations seemed to lean toward caution. The board should continue to talk about what our role is in this particular situation. A question was raised as to whether the Planning Commission know about the tree cutting and whether the cutting might affect water run off at other sites.

Suggested Topics for July agenda: Adopt a Tree Program, Dothan Brook Trails, Town Hall tree plantings, Watson Park distressed trees and knotweed problem, Planning Tree Walks for October, March (2020) and June (2020)

Adjourned at 7:15

Signed By: Karen Watson Date: 7/16/19