

Hartford Tree Board Minutes
Town of Hartford Municipal Building
August 28, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Karen Watson, Chair, 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: 6:05 pm

Education/Current Trends & Practices: Carole shared pictures of bark damage to a maple tree and a white pine in Lyman Park. The maple tree's leaves look fine, but the white pine looks stressed.

Clare summarized an article from the 8/26/18 Valley News reporting on a poorly understood disease affecting white pines in Concord, NH, forcing the town to cut all the trees on a small parcel of land off Loudon Rd. Discussion from the board on observing stressed pine trees along the I 89 corridors toward Burlington.

Approval of amended July 17, 2018 minutes unanimously. Amend the minutes to read: "Deborah will ask the Conservation Commission if we can make copies of the recent pamphlet on the EAB, Asian Long Horned Beetle, and the Woolly Adelgid." And, change Jon Bouton's workshop from Veteran's Park to Maxfield Sports Complex.

Old Business:

- Clare shared feedback from Toby Dayman regarding the proposed Landscape Guidelines and Recommended Trees for Hartford. Brad volunteered to write a response to Toby's comments on the Recommended Trees of Hartford. Clare and Karen will meet to review Toby's comments on the Guidelines and report back to the Board the revised Guidelines.
- Clare and Jon Bouton from Conservation Commission exchanged July minutes as a way to keep each entity informed of their respective activities. Clare shared the July CC minutes. It was suggested that Karen McNall add Jon Bouton's name to the distribution list.
- Report from Jon on Saturday's Community Volunteer Day at Maxfield Sports Complex: At Maxfield sports center, 5 then 6 volunteers weeded and mulched about 25 trees and 6 shrubs beside the first parking lot and south and east of the baseball field. We focused efforts on trees growing in grass that is mowed. We also released some of the better looking Rhododendron and witch hazel in mowed areas.

Workers included Tom Kahl and friend Tom, Paige Heverly and friend Chris, Laura Simon and me. Thanks to the Rec Dept., we used a Gator to move mulch and weeds and had a good supply of nice mulch.

Most of the trees were planted an inch or more too deeply and roots are growing up toward the surface. We cleared areas at least a foot in radius around the tree and placed 3" of mulch on the weeded areas. We pulled mulch back away from the trunks.

Thanks to all for saving the town hundreds of dollars in otherwise lost value to these trees competing with grass, and costs of hiring workers to do the work.

- The Board continued last month's discussion of cars parked on the grassy areas at Kilowatt Park. Scott said that he will talk to the camps from Hartford and Lebanon to ~~see~~ ^{tell them} ~~if they can~~ use the designated road paths.* A possible sign near the entrance might also ^{and not to} help remind people to park on paths and not under the pine trees. ^{park on grassy areas}
- Tim reports that the hose at the TB nursery is working after a fitting was replaced. The ^{at any time} hose itself is intact.
- Leo Pullar has selected a black walnut, a tulip tree and a black tupelo to replace the two remaining declining elm trees along the parking lot.
- The Board will put on hold the reported possible removal of trees for a parking lot on Horseshoe Road pending notification from the Planning and Zoning Office. The Board will monitor the possible replacement tree planting at Mascoma Bank on Maple St.
- Scott recently met with Eagle Scout, Hunter, who is excited about a project to add Tree Identification signage to some trees at Maxfield Sports Complex. Hunter will do some research, consult his troop masters and get back to Scott. The Tree Board will help with the selection and identification of the trees.

New Business: None discussed.

Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2018

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 pm

Signed By: Karen Watson Date: 9/18/18