

Tree Board Meeting  
Town of Hartford Municipal Building  
November 19, 2019  
Room 312, 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Members present: Karen Watson, Kathy Lamb, Clare Forseth, Deborah Milne  
Also attending: Brad Goedkoop Hartford Tree Warden, Kevin Stuart  
Parks and Recreation liaison

Meeting Called to Order 6:15

Education: Current Trends & Practices: Karen brought samples of black walnuts, Kentucky Coffee tree pods and white and red oak acorns. They were samples from her tree walk around Dartmouth College.

Approval of October 15, 2019 Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- Updates from Tree Warden (Canopy Grant?):
  1. Brad reports that Canopy Grants require a good deal of paper work and time and is reluctant to apply for another right now. If he did one, he would suggest a mulching program standard for the towns trees to protect the trees.
  2. Brad will get in touch with Northern Nursery for trees on the Town Green and LaMontagne for a planting date.
  3. He will also identify and map ash tree in town that should be saved for presentation to Select Board. He will put out bids for the work. He is still looking into safer injections that might improve the life of important ash trees.
  4. He also will send out bids for tree trimming.
  5. It was suggested that the Board contact Jon Boutin for spring mulching at Maxfield.
  6. UVAC has nice trees that could use some pruning - great resource for Hartford. Brad may try talking with the general manager.
  7. Spring Planting of trees at Town Hall: Could we include community or possibly using biochar, and soil amendments. We should try to get the community involved. Scott said he could come up with the money for having the trees planted.
  
- Report from Planning Board Liaison: Nothing to report
  
- Updates, Tree of the Month Project: The 'Tree of the Month' committee presented a sample poster (done my Anything Print) to be used to identify each month's tree. Each poster will cost

\$16 (plus one time \$35 set-up charge). The Board approved unanimously the purchase of at least 6 posters not to exceed \$175. Already bought and displayed are 3 posts and identification for Jan, Feb and March trees. The Board may want to notify Gwen Kozlowski who sends by-weekly emails of 'SOUL and Bi-Weekly Updates' to inform them of our project.

- Preferred Landscaping Guidelines: Vision Statement (Annual Report to Selectboard): Karen would like to make the annual Hartford Tree Board statement to the Town Report more proactive and visionary about what the Board is looking forward to about the town tree canopy. The Board was in agreement.

**New Business**

- Nomination and election of new officers: Kathy Lamb nominated for Chair, Karen Watson for Vice Chair, Clare Forseth for Secretary, Jeff Arnold nominated for Treasurer. Each candidate was unanimously voted in.

As the description of the Canopy Grant was again brought up, and knowing the due date wasn't until January, the Board thought that it might want to put together a proposal around mulching and/or getting trees for our tree nursery to encourage diversity.

- Other: Agenda Items for December: Canopy Grant discussion, Tree of the Month, Honor Deborah Milne for her service.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30

Respectively submitted,  
Clare Forseth

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_