

**TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 18, 2024**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Meeting location: Elihu Thomson Administration Building, 22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA, 1st floor conference room

Members		Town Officials
Jim Olivetti, Chair	Ana Nenshati	Gino Cresta, Director of DPW and Tree Warden (Ex-officio) Public: Suzanne Hale
Jennifer Honig, Vice Chair	Brian Drummond	
Richard Frenkel (out)	Tara Gallagher	
Robert Levy	Verena Karsten	
Item		Person Responsible
General Items		
1. Minute taker		Brian
2. Public comment - None received.		Jim
3. Approval of minutes from December 19, 2023 - Minutes Approved		Jim
4. Administrative topics for tree committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February Minute taker – Rob Tree Committee request for tree canopy goal suggestions from other groups was made to the Open Space Committee, Swampscott Conservancy, Conservation Commission, and Sustainability Committee. Tree Committee Google Drive future: Currently the TC Google drive is attached to Verena’s personal gmail account. Verena agreed to set-up a TC gmail account with Google drive and move TC archives to the new TC gmail/Google drive. 		Jim Verena
5. Publicity/communications ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify publicity opportunities - Tara agreed to explore using the Town’s facebook page 2022/23 Tree Planting summary- Tara is writing an article for the February Town Newsletter on the 2023 tree plantings and removals. 		Richard /Tara

<p>6. Updates from the Tree Warden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tree Removals & Plantings - 1 tree removal due to windstorm RTown hall beech with amputated arms – Plan to prune in February ● Fall Planting – review of experience: There is a greater diversity of species for sale from nurseries during the Spring planting period. ● \$350 donation received for a memorial tree. 	Gino
Tree Planting and Conservation	
7. Tree Preservation Bylaw – Gino will share the draft bylaw with the Building Inspector for review.	Jen
8. Memorial Arboretum Re-dedication - Gino has cleaned the plaques found in the garage basement and installed missing plaques at the appropriate trees. Brian made contact with the Veteran Agent (Mike Sweeney) and plans to meet with him to discuss the re-dedication	Verena
9. Approved Street Tree List revisions - Ana updated the tree selection list. It was suggested that witch hazel be added for the cemetery. Tulip tree was removed from the list. Jim commented that Salem has willow oaks on their tree list and for park trees, Other recommended additions include yellowwood, hazelnut, river birch and hop hornbeam. Suzanne Hale commented that sassafras is not on the list, but unfortunately is not available from nurseries.	Ana
10. Capital appropriation request for public trees - In review, No CIC vote yet.	Gino
11. Vinnin Square design guidelines – The final draft of the guidelines not completed by the Planning Board as of this TC meeting, so it wasn't clear what impact the TC's comments had on the final version.	Jim/Richard
12. Linscott Beech takedown – Grant possibilities: Jim suggested there might be a Fine Arts grant from the State to fund a chainsaw sculpture out of the trunk.	Gino/Jim
<p>Tree Inventory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recommendation made to add the Hadley School Redington St side trees to the Town's tree inventory. The need to update the entire tree inventory with current DBH and tree health was recognized, as the existing inventory data were gathered in 2018. 	All
Other Business	
13. Confirmation of next meeting date - The next meeting is February 22 nd . The plan for the meeting is to focus on long term goals. Also, each TC member should bring a list of 5 locations to be considered for spring planting.	All