

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 3, 2022

The meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meeting location: Elihu Thomson Administration Building, 22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA 01907, 1st floor conference room

Members Present		Town Officials Present
Verena Karsten, Chair	Jim Olivetti	Gino Cresta, Director of DPW and Tree Warden (Ex-officio)
Ana Nenshati	Brian Drummond	
Jennifer Honig	Tara Gallagher	

Item	Person Responsible
General Items	
1. Minute taker assignment	Jim
2. Public comment (first 10 minutes of every meeting)	None received
3. The minutes of the September 8 and September 27 emergency meeting were both approved.	-
4. Administrative topics for tree committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership. Received no reply to two emails sent to first candidate member. Will hold off moving on to second volunteer for the moment.	Jim
5. Updates from the tree warden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newly planted / removed trees Gino will provide an updated list of planted/removed trees. The next Tree Hearing will be set for mid-October. Memorial tree requests None received. Cicoria work at Town Hall (DCR grant) Gino will follow up with Cicoria to determine what is left to be done to complete the contractor's work on the Heritage Tree Care grant. Brian suggested that Cicoria be asked to determine the health of the beech tree at Linscott Park when they return. Forestry budget request for Y2023 Committee discussed the draft budget request letter. Tara agreed to revise it to reflect points made. Final version will be sent to Town Administrator, Select Board Liaison and Finance Committee Chair. 	Gino/Jim
Tree Planting and Conservation	
6. Emerald Ash Borer The EAB flyer has been posted on the Swampscott Conservancy website. A resources page will need to be created to link to the flyer and other items	Jim

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developed by the Committee from the Town website. Jim will offer the flyer to Jody Watts to be included in an upcoming Town newsletter issue.	
7. Tree removal plan for Stanley School – Update As of this meeting, no response has been received to the follow-up letter the Committee sent to Lavalley Brensinger Architects on shade tree preservation. Gino reported that he discussed the follow-up letter with Max Kasper.	Verena
8. Fall tree planting Ana and Verena summarized the trees to be planted this fall. The total number that can be planted is limited by the staff hours available at DCR to carry out the planting. There are three categories of planting: 1) trees from the waiting list; 2) several elms that DCR has available to be planted in high traffic areas; 3) 11 trees to be planted at town hall as part of a DCR grant “Restoring the Veteran’s Arboretum”.	Ana/Verena
9. Vehicular traffic on town hall property Verena announced that on October 8 th a group will mark out with flags “no parking” zones under tree canopies on town hall lawn in preparation for the car show on the 9 th . This is being done to avoid further soil compaction under the town hall trees	Verena
10. Tree City USA Award	Not addressed
Tree Inventory	
11. Updating trees with missing coordinates, species, and size	Not addressed
Other Business	
12. Any other business	None
13. Confirmation of next meeting date	November 1