

## TREE COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022

**Location:** Town Hall first floor conference room

**Members Present:** Verena Karsten (Chair), Ana Nenshati, Richard Frenkel, Jim Olivetti, Brian Drummond, Gino Cresta

**Not Present:** Jennifer Honig

**Public:** None

**Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Verena Karsten**

**Minute Taker:** Verena Karsten

Item	Person Responsible
1. Minute taker assignment	Verena
2. No public comments were received.	Verena
3. Updates from the tree warden. 20 trees were removed since Feb – will send list to Jen to update the inventory. Next tree hearing potentially in June. Need to add homeowners who requested at last tree hearing to waiting list.	Gino
<b>Tree Planting and Conservation</b>	
4. 2022 Spring Planting. 40 trees delivered on 19 April. Verena will provide list of locations for trees. Gino to check with Natalie on gator bag order.	Verena
5. Arbor Day / Earth Day Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tree Give away at Earth Day</b> (30April, rain day 7May). Bags with planting instructions arrived and Jim bought compost. Seedlings arrive on 25 or 26 April; Brian and Richard volunteered to help with bagging. Handouts at table: memorial tree brochure, frame with sign to ask about trees request.</li> <li>• <b>Arbor Day</b> (29 April): Tulip tree to be planted at Clark school in honor of Arbor Day. Gino will check with Marzie on location (by the playground / corner Paradise or next to basketball field).</li> </ul>	Jim
6. DCR Grants for Town Hall trees are being funded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tree Care grant:</b> Jim will contact Cicoria to set up a meeting to discuss the grant details. Gino 's assistant Aleena Alsaraby to be included.</li> <li>• <b>Tree Planting grant:</b> trees will be planted in the Fall. Verena reached out the high school program coordinator re Green Scholar project for Tree walk.</li> </ul>	Jim/Verena
7. Planting in setback areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees planted by Town on streets where there is limited or no planting space on the sidewalk. Ana drafted a homeowner agreement document modelled after Concord's approach. Include information about setback planting on Forestry website.</li> </ul>	Ana

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8. Vehicular traffic on Town Hall property. Final letter approved by unanimous vote and will be sent to Town administrator.	Verena
9. Categories for tree planting prioritization: to be discussed at next meeting	Jen
10. Memorial tree program: no discussion at this meeting	Ana
<b>Swampscott Arboretum</b>	
11. Swampscott Arboretum website. Brian found a historic document for Richard to add (1954 Hurricanes Carol and Edna resulted in loss of 500 trees). Richard will change URL to Swampscott Arboretum.	Richard
12. Apply for grant from Essex National Heritage for website: no discussion at this meeting	Verena
13. Map of current Arboretum. If too difficult to get map, use google map as alternative.	Verena
<b>Tree Inventory</b>	
14. Updating trees with missing coordinates, species, and size: no discussion at this meeting	Jen/Richard/ Verena
<b>Other Business</b>	
15. New business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trees and road salt. Gino reported that salt is critical for safety but spreader for salt is adjustable to avoid salt spreading onto sidewalks.</li> <li>● Climate Action Plan Resolution document was provided to Tree Committee by Neal Duffy. The intend it to have it adopted at the May Town meeting and is asking for endorsement. The tree committee is supportive of the letter by unanimous vote.</li> </ul>	Verena
16. Next meeting date – Tuesday May 10, 2022	All