

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES - Emergency Public Meeting
9-27-2022

Members present: Verena Karsten (Chair), Tara Gallagher, Jim Olivetti, Brian Drummond, Jennifer Honig, Gino Cresta (Ex Officio)

Public present: Lara Goodman, Al Rose, Amy Kyle, Debra Newman

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm

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

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

Item	Person Responsible
<p>1. Tree removal plan for Stanley School – Review new proposal **</p> <p>103 trees were proposed for removal at the new school site (old Stanley school) by the school architects. The Tree Committee (TC) requested additional info on 30 of the 103 trees requesting reason for removal. The school architects provided the requested info and proposed saving 8 of the 103 trees and requested immediate input from the Tree Committee. The Tree Committee met in an emergency session on 9-27-2022 to provide this input.</p> <p>For info: Tree color code categories on Architect’s plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue: Trees within the site that need to be removed for construction reasons - Pink: Trees will not survive the construction process - Red: Trees are not healthy and need to be removed - Green: Trees that can be saved (8 of 103) <p>Summary/Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Tree Committee is requesting additional info from the Architects on ~12 trees including SS112 (next to saved tree SS111), SS142 (tree is healthy and may just need pruning), SS61 & SS64 (behind new school building) and “Pink” coded trees in 	All

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<p>corner of school site near the playground (can playground be adjusted to save/incorporate the trees?).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Verena (TC Chair) to write a letter to the school architects to request clarifications/adjustments on the ~12 trees discussed in 1) above. 3. Next scheduled meeting of the Tree Committee is Monday October 3rd 2022 at 6:30 pm. The new school tree removal proposal is on the agenda. 	

**** Topic #1 required immediate action and necessitated the calling of this “Emergency Meeting”. Review of the revised Stanley School tree removal plan will be the focus of the meeting.**