

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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

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

Item	Person Responsible
General Items	
1. Minute taker assignment	Robert
2. Public comment (first 10 minutes of every meeting)	Verena
3. Approval of minutes from 13Apr2023 Minutes Approved	Verena
4. Administrative topics for tree committee: No topics were discussed	Verena
5. Updates from the tree warden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Removals. None. Spring Planting: About 29 trees for Spring planting arriving on Thurs. Two dead-looking trees from Fall planting on Walker Rd. and Middlesex to be replaced if necessary. 	Gino Ana
Tree Planting and Conservation	
6. Swampscott Canopy Study (Town newsletter & website): Pause posting of article for now; want to drive viewers to corrected website. Notice on water bill will include study findings, information on the need for trees, the Tree Gift Fund, and planting a memorial tree.	Tara/Richard
7. Update on Protection of Trees in Setback: Recommended that committee draft a bylaw for review by town counsel, then submit to Planning Board. Jen will draft bylaw for next meeting.	Verena/Jenn/Katie
8. Summary of Tree Give-Away at Earth Fest (29-April): Event a success, all 100 redbud saplings were given away	Brian/Richard
9. Review Climate Action Plan Initiatives: Suggestions include implementing green infrastructure design, quadrupling current annual tree plantings, rebates for trees planted on private property.	All

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10. Updates to TC and Forestry Website: Jim will present recommendations for updates at next meeting.	Jim
Tree Inventory	
11. Mapping by scouts: Gino has signed off on this. Scouts will wear colorful vests and let police know when they're out measuring.	Brian
Other Business: Place agenda item for next meeting to discuss the categorization for dead trees in the inventory.	
12. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 8	All