

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
Draft TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES, JUNE 8, 2023

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The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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

Members Attending		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	Robert Levy	
Jennifer Honig		

Item	Person Responsible
General Items	
1. Minute taker assignment	Richard
2. Public comment (first 10 minutes of every meeting) - NONE	Verena
3. Approval of minutes from 08May2023 - APPROVED	Verena
4. Administrative topics for tree committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Transition of chair July 2023 - JIM HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOR ONE YEAR TERM.Nominations for vice-chair - JENNIFER HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOR ONE YEAR TERM.	Verena/Jim
5. Updates from the tree warden <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tree Removals<ul style="list-style-type: none">Linscott Park Beech - REMOVAL WILL BE DONE IN-HOUSETREE REMOVALS: 7 removed 3/10 to 6/7Spring Planting<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gator Bags and Watering will be in placeTREES PLANTED: 39 planted 3/10 to 6/7Tree Hearing – Will be scheduled in JulyMaintenance plan for heritage trees (Cicoria/DCR grant) – No further Tree Committee action.Columbia St. – ASPHALT REMOVED, SOIL AMENDED AND 2 TREES PLANTED ON ROAD VERGECONGRATULATIONS TO GINO ON HIS 20 YEARS AS HEAD OF DPW	Gino
Tree Planting and Conservation	
6. Updates to TC and Forestry Website – CHANGES DISCUSSED AND JIM WILL REARRANGE AS NEEDED. GINO WILL MAKE TREE HEARING MINUTES AVAILABLE FOR TWO YEARS ONLINE THRU THE FORESTRY SITE	Jim & Gino

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<p>7. Plans for Town Hall Trees and Veterans Arboretum Rededication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GINO WILL REINSTALL EXISTING PLAQUES NAME WILL BE “MEMORIAL ARBORETUM” SINCE NOT ONLY VETERANS ARE COMMEMORATED THERE WILL BE A CEREMONY WHEN COMPLETED – VERENA WILL TALK TO MARZIE ABOUT TIMING THE WEB SITE FOR THE ARBORETUM WILL FEATURE A PICTURE OF THE LARGE MEMORIAL BEECH. JIM WILL TAKE PICTURE, RICHARD WILL UPDATE SITE. SINCE NOT ALL PLAQUES WILL MATCH TREES, WE WILL TAG TREES WITH ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION. RICH WILL LOOK INTO TAGGING. 	Verena
<p>8. Update on Protection of Trees in Setback – REVIEW OF DRAFT BEGUN.</p>	Verena/Jenn/Katie
<p>9. Swampscott Canopy Study (Town newsletter & website) POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING</p>	Tara/Richard
<p>10. Amendment to Warrant Article #20 Rezoning Vinnin Square RICH PROVIDED BRIEF OVERVIEW, NOT A TREE COMMITTEE ISSUE.</p>	Richard
<p>Tree Inventory</p>	
<p>11. Mapping by eagle scout BRIAN WILL SEND SOME TEST DATA</p>	Brian
<p>Other Business</p>	
<p>12. Confirmation of next meeting date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 11. AUGUST MEETING TO BE SKIPPED <p>13. JENNIFER IS WRITING A BYLAW REGULATING TREE REMOVALS WHEN SITES ARE UNDERGOING MAJOR CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION. THIS IS MODELLED ON A BYLAW IN CONCORD. WE WILL REVIEW THIS IN THE INTERVAL AND DISCUSS IN JULY. JENNIFER WILL SEND ISSUES SHE WOULD LIKE US TO CONSIDER.</p> <p>14. JENNIFER MENTIONED THAT THE PUBLIC TREE INVENTORY ISN'T UPDATING FROM THE MASTER. RICH WILL INVESTIGATE.</p>	All