

**TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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

Members Present		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	

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Item	Person Responsible
7. Municipal Reforestation Bill Letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to Senator Creighton. He will add his name to the legislation 	Jim / Jenn
8. Protection of Trees in Setback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed possible bylaw changes to protect trees in setback regions of house lots. Bylaws from Lexington and Concord were discussed. Action: Verena and Jen to look into possible Swampscott bylaw changes. 	Verena/Jen/Katie
9. Railroad Station / Crosswalk Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant for Railroad station crosswalk improvement does not include adding trees. Action: Tara to look into possibility to have funding for trees added to the Grant 	Tara/Verena/Gino
10. Tree Give-Away at Earth Fest (29-April) from 10-1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table and chairs to be supplied. One hundred redbud trees and planting instructions provided by the Swampscott Conservancy and Suzanne Hale. Brian, Richard and Robert to volunteer. 	Brian/Richard/Robert
11. Climate Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Climate Action Committee needs input from the Tree Committee for recommended actions to improve climate resilience. Action: All to email suggestions to Verena for Suzanne 	Suzanne
12. Tracker for Future Tree Planting Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic moved to next meeting 	Richard
Tree Inventory	
13. Mapping by eagle scout / girl scouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gino met with Elliot Pulaski, offered some suggestions and approved. The project is to map, identify, and measure DBH of 174 trees and then update the database. The project starts in May and ends mid- July 	Brian
14. Tracking of trees lost in inventory – Category to be added to Tree Warden Report	Brian
Other Business	
15. Creating subcommittee for tree committee and forestry website Action: Jim volunteered to start the review. Others to provide input.	Jim/All
16. Confirmation of next meeting date- Next Mtg Monday May 8th 6:30p	All