

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 22, 2024

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Meeting location: Elihu Thomson Administration Building, 22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA, 1st floor conference room

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

Item	Person Responsible
General Items	
1. Minute taker	Rob
2. Public comment -- None received	Jim
3. Approval of minutes from January 18, 2024 -- Minutes approved without amendment	Jim
4. Administrative topics for tree committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March minute taker – Richard Tree Committee Google Drive -- Verena will work with Richard to create a new email address and have a new Google drive associated with it. The drive is free up to a certain amount of data storage. 	Jim
5. Publicity/communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim will write an announcement of the Earth Fest sapling giveaway for April issue of town newsletter. Arboretum re-dedication will be promoted in May issue with article by Rob. June issue will highlight updated street tree list. 	Jim, Verena, Brian, Rob
6. Updates from the Tree Warden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tree was knocked over on Outlook St; homeowner seeking to replace it. \$2,000 received from foundation for planting trees in certain areas of town. 	Gino
Tree Planting and Conservation	
7. Spring '24 planting list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members have sent potential tree locations to Tara, perhaps to be organized by neighborhood or planting priority areas. 25 trees to be planted in spring. 	Ana, Tara
8. Vinnin Square design guidelines -- Some of the input offered by the Tree Committee is reflected in the final document, Jim said. The plan includes no standards, only guidelines, including for landscaping and green space.	Jim
9. Tree Preservation Bylaw -- Jen and Gino met with Building Commissioner. Will work on resolving remaining questions.	Jen, Gino

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10. Arboretum Rededication -- Verena and Brian met with Veteran's Agent Mike Sweeney. Mike felt the rededication should be on Saturday, May 25, so as not to conflict with Field of Heroes commemoration. Posters with information about the veterans could be placed near each tree. A map of the Arboretum, including the names of the memorial trees, could be handed out.	Verena, Brian
11. Earth Fest will be April 27, from 10 am to 1 pm. 100 hornbeam saplings will be handed out, along with a list of approved street trees. Jim asked for members to volunteer to help with event.	Jim
12. Street Tree List -- Ana has an up-to-date list. She will send it to committee members to suggest changes. She will send the completed list to Jim, who will review it and post it on committee's web page.	Ana
13. Brainstorming long term Committee goals -- Tabled until next meeting	All
Other Business	
14. Historic Commission request to ID tree in historic photo. None could identify it.	All
15. Confirmation of next meeting date. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March. 27	