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Minutes 08/11/2011

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

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August 11, 2011

Present: Sally Naish, Corinna Vanderspek, Eliza Burden, Patti Muldoon,
Guest and prospective member - Rachael Stark (chair of Walking in Arlington).

Absent: Ed Trembly, Andrew Fischer, Clarissa Rowe, Greg Watt, Jim Dodge, Lisa Decker, Mary Ellen Aronow, Walter Phillips.

New Member: Sally found out the process to add new members - submit either a letter of interest or a resume to the Board of Selectmen. Rachel plans to send her resume to Clarissa Rowe.

Outreach and PR will be handled by Corinna. Suggested initial list of responsibilities: keep and update ATC email list, manage communication with interested parties, ensure articles written and sent to e-lists & newspaper, archive articles.

Town Day - Sept 17th

Banner: cost about \$125 for 1 foot by 6 feet. It was noted that Elizabeth Carr Jones made a very nice banner for Walking in Arlington. Sally will inquire at Swifty Printing for banner that has both our name and our website. Eliza will call Vital Signs in east Arlington for more info. Eliza and Sally will procure a banner in time for Town Day.

We will not try to print T-shirts for now.

Booth Goals:

1. Solicit contributions to Trees Please fund; accept donations, or checks can be sent to DPW, 51 Grove St., c/o Teresa DiBenedictis
 2. Solicit Neighborhood Tree Captains as tree watchers.
 3. Public Education with
 - a. Handouts:
 - ? How to plant and water tree
 - ? List of recommended trees to plant. Arlington is in the oak/hickory forest zone. Corinna is developing a list of native trees good for this zone. Sally wants to ensure that the trees are commercially available, so non-natives should also be listed. Common and scientific names, sun/shade, height/spread, native/non-native, remarks. Corinna and Sally will produce handout.
 - ? Bookmarks w/ link to our website and for tree request/on back - Patti will draft for Swifty to print.
 - b. Map for back of booth: Adam's map of Arlington showing tree canopy: Is your home in need of a tree? Circle priority zones that need trees. Sally will try to get him to do that.
 - c. Tree request form: name/address/willing to pay/ care for/phone/email. Eliza will print and put on clipboard.
- ? Patti will get volunteers to staff booth at our next meeting.

? Eliza has tent. Both Sally and Patti have folding chairs.

? Need table - email committee.

? Eliza has town day sign-up form. She'll send it to Patti who will send out.

? Photos for Display: Corinna - stately trees; Lisa - Shutterbug tree photos - need photos of tree planting days.
Historical Tree: Ed Gordon, staffperson at Old Schwamb Mill and past president of NE Historical Society, has copy of picture of Mill St tree.

? Tree branches to be requested from DPW, as we did last year.

? We will not hand out spruce saplings.

Historical and Tree Walk for the Fall

Walking in Arlington is a 12 year old organization that leads walks, and advocates for pedestrians and transit.

Richard Duffy and Ed Gordon have led their annual walks. They charge \$10-12 per walk. Ed will lead a walk on Oct. 29th. If ATC gives info on trees we can split funds. Need cool tree stories. Book: Celebritrees. Greg has a list of historic trees generated from Arlington e-list and Menotomy Gardeners. Start/end with buildings w/ bathrooms and food. Sally will talk with Brian Murray to go over Greg's list. Eliza will talk with Greg and get list. Suggested walk area: Mt. Gilboa and Turkey Hill.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall.