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Minutes 10/09/2013

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 9th, 7:30 PM

Location: Selectmen's Hearing Room

Attendees: Sally Naish, Eliza Burden, Mike Rademacher, Elizabeth Pilcher, Ed Trembly, Lisa Decker, Corinna Vanderspek, Susan Stamps

Minutes

(Minutes: Liz Pilcher)

1. Welcome

2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
September meeting minutes approved.

3. Town Day Review

EB reported a lot of interest in the activities of the tree committee, and the tree canopy poster was a big hit. The location of the table at the edge of the tent rather than at the center of the tent gave improved access to table. Recurring themes were that people wanted to know what to do about street trees; what type of trees to grow; and how to care for trees.

We need to order more tree shirts.

4. Tree Warden Position Description

MR recommended changes to the draft description developed by members of the committee. MR will finalize the description and, with the help of the HR department, will advertise the position.

5. Fall Town Planting

MR distributed a list of locations where 40 or so trees will be planted this fall. Available bare root trees include pears and red maples; also amur maples and tree lilac in the small category; red maple and European hornbeam in the medium size category; and amur maackia is small/medium. These trees will be interspersed with pear.

If there is adequate time before planting, the tree committee can talk to businesses/homeowners to ask them to water the trees; the communication after planting will serve as a reminder to take care of the trees.

MR provided a list of trees and locations planted in the spring of 2013.

EB will clarify that the tree division will hand out instruction for care of the street trees. On the early spring agenda, we will discuss visiting the fall 2013 planting sites to provide instructions again.

6. Memorial Tree at Robbins

The Friends of Robbins Farm and Parks and Rec have tentatively approved the addition of a tree at Robbins Farm Park. SN will return to Parks & Rec with the additional information they requested for final approval. MR will include the tree in a planting program.

7. Invitation to the five applicants interested to join

No contact has been made with the applicants as of yet.

EB or MEA will contact them and invite them to the November meeting.

8. Web page update

a. Set training for new web editors

Should we form a subcommittee to work on this outside of the committee? SN printed the list of current pages. LP offered to send the layout done in the spring when MEA asked to sketch up the site according to Modest template suggested by Patrice Robertie. LP, SN, MEA, and EB will talk about the layout offline.

9. Other Business

SS talked to Ann LeRoyer about the town master plan and if tree-related issues are being adequately represented.

LD will talk to Ann further about this as they both are members of the open space committee.

SS also looked at the Pittsburgh urban tree master plan.

Liz will send the Penn State urban tree master plan guide to members.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13th , 2013 at 7:30 pm in Selectmen's Hearing Room