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Minutes 11/13/2013

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Monthly Regular Meeting of Arlington Tree Committee

Wednesday, November 13th, 7:30 PM, Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall

Attendees: Sally Naish, Eliza Burden, Elizabeth Pilcher, Ed Trembly, Lisa Decker, Corinna Vanderspek

Minutes

(Liz Pilcher)

1. Welcome

Eliza Burden provided a brief history of the ATC and attending members of the ATC introduced themselves to visitors Eric Baatz and Mary Ellen DeNatale who are considering joining the ATC.

2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Minutes of October approved

3. Memorial Tree at Robbins Farm Park

SNaish reported that the final step for approval of tree planting at Robbins Farm Park in memory of Brian is underway. A large heritage tree, perhaps a Princeton Elm, will be planted in Spring 2014 by the DPW. The school ball team that Brian coached is interested in helping raise money for the tree. Sally will follow up.

4. Fall tree planting by DPW

Mike Radmacher forwarded a list of 36 trees planted this Fall on Medford Street, Broadway, and Mass. Ave. The committee and DPW employees discussed how to go about starting a tree inventory and decided to start with the trees planted in 2013. Jim Dodge the interim tree warden has wanted to establish an inventory so that the town can assign a value to the trees. Eliza Burden spoke with Adam Kurowski about initiating the inventory.

5. Web page update

Sally and Eliza reported that members of the committee produced the present website with help from a friend who has the capability to set up the website.

a. Set training for new web editors-- A group was formed last month, including Sally, Eliza, Liz, and Mary Ellen, to discuss the process. Sally offered to host a meeting at her house to discuss the development of the site. Sally invited our visitors to look at the ATC website and make comments.

6. Tree Warden Position Description

The description of the town's half-time tree warden position has been presented to human resources for finalizing and publication. The new warden will report to Mike Radmacher.

7. Fall Tree Planting

Thirty-six trees were planted. It will be important in the Spring to make reminders to people to water trees. We divided up the list of trees (see attached) among six attending committee members who will make contact with residents/businesses to water the trees. We are to try to get contact information, including email, so that we can provide information during the season. Liz will send watering instructions to all members.

8. Other Business

Town Master Plan - how / where do trees fit in. Susan Stamps planned to talk to Ann LeRoy. We will wait til next meeting to see what Susan found out. Lisa Decker and Eliza Burden will review the master plan draft to see how trees

are addressed. They will look at zoning, DPW, and redevelopment. We discussed the possibility of developing an approved tree list.

Arlington Tree City USA - ATC involvement. The town would like our help to make sure we retain that designation. Sally will research the requirements.

ATC T-shirts - can we reorder M/L. Lisa will find the contact information for the person who produced the t-shirts and will find out acceptable methods of payment.

EB talked with the Arlington Center for the Arts about promoting tree appreciation. She will report to us any activities relating to this.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Selectmen's Hearing Room