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## Minutes 12/11/2013

### ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting of Arlington Tree Committee

Wednesday, December 11, 7:30 PM

Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall

Attendees (Members): Mary Ellen Aronow, Susan Stamps, Corinna Vanderspek, Eliza Burden, Sally Naish

(Non-Members): Bob Radochia, Mary Ellen De Natale, Sarah Carrier

### MINUTES

(Sally Naish)

1. Welcome  
Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.
2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes  
Minutes were approved and entered into record.
3. Tree-related Correspondence Received
  - a. 65 Randolph Street  
E-mail received from Rachael Stark indicating her wish to save the life of tree at 65 Randolph and improve transparency of process of tree cutting and tree planting.  
  
MEA to discuss situation with Steve Rae.
  - b. 45 Columbia Road  
BR expressed several concerns regarding street trees planted in narrow tree-strips causing up-lifted sidewalks, and trees planted too densely resulting in obstructed sight-lines. He suggested planting trees within the setback, as in Lexington. ATC already has developed guidelines for use in Arlington, but Mike Rademacher still has legal concerns.  
  
SS will contact Lexington TC member for further information on their approach.
1. Memorial Tree - update  
SN reported planting along Eastern Avenue in Robbins Farm Park approved by Parks & Rec. Commission. Specific site to be marked before planting in spring for Commission's approval. Wording on tree label to read: "In memory of Brian Murray" followed by type of tree (e.g. White Oak, Quercus alba).  
  
SN will mark site in spring and notify Joe Connelly and will send wording for label to JC.  
SN will follow up with Lisa Decker re. donations for tree from scout troop parents.
2. Tree City USA - follow up  
  
MEA to contact Teresa DiBenedictis to find out what needs to be done to renew certification.
3. Town Tree Warden - update  
Position has not been posted. DPW still to decide on whether new-hire needed.
4. Web page sub committee meeting - update  
SN drafted revised organization based largely on ATC objectives and shared with subcommittee members. Committee will meet again in January to discuss.

5. Report on ATC visits to Fall planting locations

EB has prepared and shared a Google Drive document, so those ATC members who are seeking caretakers for newly planted trees can enter the information as it is obtained. EB and SN have completed their entries.

Other members who were assigned trees will collect their information in spring.

6. Other Business

Town Master Plan - Drafts available on the Town site for comment

SS, EB & SN indicated that there is no mention of street trees in the draft Master Plan. ATC has until Dec. 20th to submit suggestions.

SN will draft statement for review by MEA & EB before distribution to ATC membership.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:30 pm in Selectmen's Hearing Room