

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Monthly Regular Meeting of Arlington Tree Committee

Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 PM, Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall

Attendees: Mary Ellen Aronow, Sally Naish, Eliza Burden, Elizabeth Pilcher, Ed Trembly, Susan Stamps, Mike Rademacher, Clarissa Rowe

1. Welcome

2. Approval of March and April Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved.

3. Spring Tree Planting

- **Elm planted at Bishop school (EB) and Elm planted at Robbins Park (Brian Murray's tree).** Regarding watering, MEA has contacted scouts about watering the new trees and is awaiting a final commitment.. Until the scouts can start watering, **SN will water Brian's tree the week of May 19 and EB will water the week of May 26. MEA and EB will find some Bishop parents to water the Bishop tree.** Brian's sister suggested Saturday May 31 at 10am for a ceremony. **Someone from the tree committee will be there to put the plaque on the tree and say a few words about Brian's role on the committee and interest in town trees.** MEA wrote a letter to the family about the tree planting, and **Patty will coordinate with other people who may be interested in attending the ceremony.**
- **Other DPW planted trees?** No spring planting due to low availability of bare root trees. There will be a fall planting. The town will order about 150 trees for delivery in the fall, which will be planted by the firm selected in the bid process. MR suggested we think about starting up a program where we can help by contacting the homeowners at locations where trees are called for under wires to seek their interest in planting on private property. **EB will follow up with MR to get the list of locations. EB or MEA will locate the permission form used several years ago for homeowners to sign when a Town tree is planted on their private property.**
- **Tree Committee** will continue outreach to businesses and homeowners to care for trees planted last fall. **EB will look for the list of assigned tree sites for Liz.**

4. Update on Tree Warden position. None

5. Outreach to neighbors of newly planted trees for watering. We can do continued outreach to businesses and homeowners to care for trees planted last fall. **EB will look for the list of assigned tree sites for Liz.**

6. Publicity

- **Communication via Facebook (EB).** Nothing new to report. EB and MEA will meet over the next month to establish a Facebook page.
- **Advocate article(s).** EB will contact Eileen Kennedy about the possibility of the ATC having a short monthly piece. EP will prepare a publication calendar.

7. **Library Summer Reading Program.** SN will get in touch with Robbins Library to see if they are doing the same program as last year's where an 'adopt-a-tree' program was used in combination with their summer reading program for elementary kids in town.

8. Other Business

- **Action items for Symmes Woods (CR).** Discuss next month.
- **Email received from R. Shaw re: adjacent property private tree cutting. Committee discussed possible option for homeowner.** SN is responding to the email regarding tree removal.
- **Additional business cards ordered (SN).** Cards are in.
- **Off-berm policy.** MEA has a form used in 2011 and previously for homeowners to sign for planting trees on private property. SS will get a copy of Lexington's policy.
- **Town Day.** SN will prepare the application. Town Day is Sept. 13.
- **Master Plan meeting Thursday night 5/15.** SN will try to attend to reinforce the use of tree-related statements.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 11th, 2014 at 7:30 pm in Selectmen's Hearing Room