

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Monthly Regular Meeting of Arlington Tree Committee

Wednesday, September 10th, 7:30 PM, Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall

Present: Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Sally Naish, Mike Rademacher, Ed Trembly

Prospective Members: Emily Snyder, Kathleen Lentz

1. Welcome

2. Town Day Tree Committee Booth

- **Committee Member Sign up.** Few volunteers will be available for the booth. ET will help put up the tent; MEA will be present most of the day; ES and KL offered to help out.
- **Materials for display.** Poster of canopy coverage and other materials from past years will be used.
- **Tree Raffle.** MR said Town/DPW would pay for 1-1.5" caliper, containerized shade tree. SN to see what's available. MR will call winner and arrange delivery; winner to plant the tree.

3. Watering of Elm at Bishop and Elm at Robbins – update

4. DPW Tree Department Update

Planting: MR reported that the contractor that was to plant in spring will honor former pricing, but may not be available for fall planting. DPW now preparing to plant 150 bare-root trees; will use watering bags. Will first replace the ~20 that died after last year's planting, then draw from ~130 Web QA requests, omitting difficult locations. Role for ATC? Could do follow-up after planting. Next spring, DPW will offer trees for planting in set-back. Will have 150+ trees planted by contractor next spring; could order as early as this fall.

Tree Warden: Position may be filled soon.

NStar: In fall will have NStar prune trees on a couple of streets where heavy pruning is needed. That will be followed by a public meeting for feedback on results. Format TBD, possibly at Selectmen's meeting. NStar has hired a new guy who has had a lot of experience in NH; they developed an educational poster for use in NH.

Grants: MR will forward link for sources of possible grants for future discussion.

5. Approval of July Meeting Minutes. Postponed until October meeting

6. Planting Set Back Agreement – final

- **Next steps to implement.** Currently under review by Town Counsel. MR looking to get feedback from Lexington on the success of their process. Set-back trees will be added to GIS as separate “layer”.

7. Publicity

- **Advocate article(s)**

8. Other Business

- **New member search update.** Two prospective members attended.

Emily Snyder: Lived in East Arlington for 23 years. Is a Master Gardener, and very active in Town committees, inc. EcoFest, Garden Club, and Co-Chair of Spy Pond Rain Garden.

Kathleen Lentz: Lived in Arlington for 2 years on Newport Street. Always been a tree-lover since growing up on farm in N. Illinois. Enjoy big oaks in her neighborhood.

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. **October 8th**