



Arlington Tree Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 7:30pm

Zoom meeting

In attendance, Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Steve Moore, Mara Vatz, Ed Trembly, Keith Schnibly, Susan Stamps, Tim Lecuivre, Visitors: Karen, Alan

Minutes

1. *Review and Approve*
 - a. Prior Meeting Minutes August Minutes APPROVED after minor edits

2. *Design and Building Initiatives Impacting Trees –*
 - a. Mass Ave Sidewalk Repair Project - Ongoing (planting several replacement trees, species tbd by availability at nursery); two additional trees might have to come down
 - b. Lake St Project – 8 new trees will be planted this fall (tulip, Linden, Hornbeam)
 - c. AHS – leave trees are being protected, yet need water
 - d. Whittemore Park – no updated information
 - e. Old Burial Ground renovation project – removing trees. Marquis Tree Service removed 5 trees plus smaller shrubs. 5 new trees being planted. **Action: Watering plan still needs to be figured out**
 - f. Wellington Park – no update
 - g. Lussiano Park/Thompson School - 10 new trees planted. Tim worked with the team to make sure planting was done properly. Watering volunteers doing a good job; Phil T has been integral to this effort.
 - h. Mirak Development – Still in the planning sessions. **Action: ATC reps can attend public input sessions starting this Fall**
 - i. 840 Mass Ave – Eliza met with management company and discussed the possibility of planting street trees on the property. She has been trying to reach out to management company to discuss further but hasn't heard from them. **Action: Eliza will reach out to Mike R to discuss if off berm tree planting could be possible here**
 - j. Mugar undeveloped land – Keith attended the last meeting and then shared the upcoming meetings:
 - i. Traffic flow and safety (Sept. 22)
 - ii. Wetland impacts and stormwater management (Oct. 13)
 - iii. General civil engineering matters (Oct. 27)
 - iv. Architecture, landscape architecture and open space (Nov. 10)
 - v. Density and overall design (Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Week)
 - vi. Pro forma review (Dec. 8)
 - vii. Conditions Review and Decision (Dec. 22, Christmas Week)

3. *DPW Tree Dept/Tree Warden Update*
 - a. Summer tree watering
 - i. Adopt-a-Tree - 80+ trees adopted; volunteers seem to be engaged and trees have been taken care of well during this drought time. ATC has received nice emails and photos of trees. ATC is adhering yellow ribbons to show which trees are adopted. More ribbons need to be attached.
 - ii. Additional intern? – DPW is exploring hiring a Fall tree watering intern

add too much to Tree Warden workload. Warrant for 2021 opening in 3 months.

- f. Planning Department Community Outreach - not discussed
- g. Menotomy Rocks Park – Park/Rec picked the tree, Tree Warden decided on location. ATC is aware that there seems to be some controversy over species/location.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:29pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2020