



Arlington Tree Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Time: 7:30pm

Zoom meeting – in attendance: Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Keith Schnebly, Mara Vatz, Ed Trembly, Steve Moore, Susan Stamps, Phil Tedesco, Tim Lecuivre

Minutes

1. *Review and Approve prior Meeting Minutes* – September minutes approved
2. *Design and Building Initiatives Impacting Trees* –
 - a. Mass Ave improvements – 13 trees planted. Contractor is responsible to water for 1 year.
 - b. Lake Street/bike path: 8 trees will be planted (Tulip, Linden, Hophornbeam)
 - c. AHS – trees on site are being protected. No updates
 - d. Old Burying Ground 5 trees removed, mason fixing stones, spring replanting
 - e. Lussiano – contractor watering. Keith to add new planted trees to town tree inventory
 - f. Mirak development – no update, there will be public input sessions
 - g. Mugar property- MaryEllen/Susan attended 10/13 ZBA meeting re: wetland impacts and stormwater mgmt. Additional meetings: 11/10, 11/24, 12/8, 12/22.
3. *DPW Tree Dept/Tree Warden Update*
 - a. Fall planting – 200 bare root trees ordered, expect mid-November planting
 - i. Species ordered: large: horsechestnut, white oak, london plane; medium: yellowwood, gingko, sweet gum; small: service berry, tree lilac, sargent cherry
 - ii. Mt Pleasant Cemetery: 6 trees being planted: sugar maple, serviceberry, kousa dogwood, tree lilac
 - b. Tree watering (Adopt-A-Tree at ~ 100 residents' adopting trees
 - c. Tree hearing(s) - none
 - d. Tree Bylaw activity;
 - i. 65 Lancaster Rd: ~40" oak tree taken down due to driveway placement. Developer tried to save tree but was denied a curb cut approval. (Susan to contact engineering dept, to discuss curb cut denial)
 - e. EAB budget 2021 and forward
 - i. \$30k in tree mgmt. plan, yet that was if \$1/inch, yet it costs \$10/inch, therefore more limited application.
 - ii. Treatment occurs June – Sept. Arlington has 900 ash trees.
 - iii. 3 trees on Hardy grounds have EAB. DCR was notified, they are verifying. Arlington will be listed as having EAB on state website, and on Arlington's town website. Protocol for EAB infected trees: if > 30% canopy impacted, the tree will be taken down. Neighbors: Brookline: only treating in parks; Belmont: not treating; Winchester: not treating; Somerville/Cambridge : treating extensively
 - f. Purchase second watering truck? (Mara/Phil) – no update
 - g. 564 Appleton St. – model for preserving trees during construction; photo provided by Keith. Certificate or form of recognition – Steve to present at November meeting
 - h. Trees Please Fund accounting – no update

4. Bylaw review subcommittee (Susan, Mary Ellen) – no update
5. Publicity/Community Outreach
 - a. Adam DeSimone and Mara correspondence – *no update*
 - b. Grant Writing
 - i. DCR urban forestry grant—Mara to write proposal for match DCR grant for planting Thompson school campus trees
 - c. ATC website - need to consider upgrade – who will take on? – no update
 - d. Correspondence received – Mary Ellen shared correspondence
6. *New Business*
 - a. Town governance and Tree Hearings
 - b. Planning Department Community Outreach
 - c. Menotomy Rocks Park – Park/Rec picked the tree, Tree Warden decided on location. ATC is aware of controversy over species/location. No discussion

Next meeting to be moved to Tuesday, November 10th due to holiday on Wednesday, November 11th.

Adjourn: 9:32pm