



Arlington Tree Committee

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Zoom meeting – **You must Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/j/98235746110>

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Minutes

Mary Ellen Aronow, Susan Stamps, Keith Schnebly, Mara Vatz, Tim Lecuivre, Visitors: Beth Melofchik, Lily Fox, Chloe Ferris, Daisy Takang, Sasha Segal, Gary Goldsmith, Lynette Culverhouse, Rachel Oliveri, Sona Yacobian, Nancy Shito

1. *Approve June Meeting Minutes – edits needed, Steve and others will edit on Dropbox and we will approve in August*
2. *DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)*
 - Storms update – 20 street trees impacted by storm. Town and contractors helped with debris.
 - Tree hearing(s) – no tree hearings to date;
 - Tree Bylaw activity – 6 Tree Plans reviewed by Tim : 2327 Tannerger Street double lot(maple 15", 9" dogwood) protecting several other trees. Several other trees were protected with construction guidelines. All paid fees into Trees Please fund (Tim will provide dbh and addresses)
 - Tree Watering/Interns – help out with clean up crew when not watering
 - Other – DCR community forester webinar in September as part of their stewardship presentation: *How we do things in Arlington?* DPW & Arlington Tree Committee want to highlight interactive map September 30th. 45 minutes/10 Q/A.
 - Emerald ash borer program : almost every ash tree treated Broadway – Warren – Cemetery – Lake Street. \$60k over three years (30K last year, 30K this year, 30K again in 2022) = \$120k in total . fyi: Ground wasps are a predator of emerald ash borer.
3. *New Business*
 - Staff change – Adam K leaving town 8/13/2021
 - Notes from June 30 Urban Forestry Tree Summit (Eliza) - not discussed
 - Remembrance of Climate – *visitors with Rachel Oliveri*
 - Support the tree canopy – (importance of CO₂) (Lynette Culverhouse). Need to get the word out in the community. ATC suggest: volunteer to expand adoptors to Adopt-a-Tree program
 - Suggest the ATC read: Healthy Forest / Healthy City: Published by City of Cambridge on April 27, 2021. Inspiring communities to do things (Beth Melofchik)
 - Would the town dig up parking lots and put in trees (susan). Is the town going to install solar panels on parking lots (susan) The town is putting in trees (extra) on some sidewalks. Creating planting wells.
4. *Report from Subcommittee re: Expanding Tree Planting in Town*
 - Arlington Housing Authority Chestnut Manor tree watering (Keith)

- Fall planting at Menotomy Manor? Keith mapped out options for Menotomy Manor. **Joanne suggests a resident meeting to scope it out.** Tim orders trees in September
- Other initiatives. Wicked Hot Mystic and “I see change” app. No discussion

5. *Adopt-a-Tree Program (2021 program) (MEA/EB)*

- Update*
- Expansion/Outreach*

6. *Publicity/Community Outreach*

- Website editing
- Outreach/liaisons to town orgs (ARB, ZBA, Park and Rec, Open Space, School Comm)
- Broader inclusion / equity of ATC materials, programs, and members/ translations

Next meeting: August 11, 2021.

Meeting Adjourn 9:24pm