



Arlington Tree Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 8 **Time:** 7:30 PM

Location: Meeting was conducted remotely, via Zoom application

You must Register in advance for this meeting:

[ATC Monthly Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Attendees: Tim Lecuivre, Steve Moore, Susan Stamps, Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Mara Vatz, Keith Schnebly, Mike Gildesgame (Conservation Commission Liaison)

1. *Approve Regular Meeting Minutes*
 - May ATC Minutes. Need to edit; Also need to submit the approved minutes from the prior meeting with the agenda for the current month

2. *Department of Public Works (DPW) Tree Division Update (Tim)*
 - Tree Bylaw activity. 3 tree plans submitted:
 - **8 Johnson St.** (Builder John Carney). No planned tree removals. Will be protecting 2 existing trees (Norway Maple & American Elm) on property and one street tree (Norway Maple)
 - **24 Beacon St** (Builder John Carney). No planned tree removals. There are no trees on property at all. 1 public street tree (crab apple) will be protected
 - **161 Wollaston Ave** (Builder Avatar Construction). There will be no tree removals in setback though an unhealthy hedge of hemlocks on property will be removed. One 19" public shade tree will be preserved. Tim said Avatar hires a certified arborist to prepare its tree plans and the result is impressive.
 - Tree hearing(s) – No hearings
 - Tree health/management news – New Emerald Ash Borer Communication – Will treat remaining half this year. Funding has been increased to cover half each year – 6000' each year. EAB attacks both White and Green Ash
 - **Summer watering** – Summer help was supposed to start but the individual backed out at last minute. Opening is still advertised. DPW workers are still invited to get overtime for extra watering. When all staff shows up one can be dedicated to watering.
 - **Other Town projects** - Trees planted at AHS and Broadway Plaza.
 - **Tree USA conference.** Held today in Acton (in a park built on big dig fill). Arlington hit 20 years this year, Tree City USA status. Also, Arlington received "Growth Award" for "above and beyond" work
 - **Clark University Report:** study of Satellite images through day last August remained over 90 well into the evening – Temps in neighborhoods rose 5-10 degrees when trees were cut down. Just saplings are lowering temps 1 degree in 3 years
 - **Other ideas for reducing heat islands:** painting roofs white, Green roofs, planting trees
 - **Action:** Tim to distribute info to ATC and Mike G

3. *Publicity/Community Outreach*
 - Outreach to Town orgs. (ARB, Conservation Commission, Open Space Comm., Park & Recreation Commission, School Comm., ZBA) and updates on projects/policy involving trees
 - **Mike G from ConComm here tonight.** Commission is very concerned with the plants that go into new properties. Very impressive meetings.
 - **ARB – another 40B project at 1125 Mass Ave – 4 ft Sycamore right in the middle of this location**
 - **School Committee** – Liz Homan working with Mike R.
 - Biodiversity program with David Morgan and Charlotte Milan in May. Eliza attended as did many other town orgs
 - Regional Tree Committee Meeting (Eliza, Mary Ellen). Rpt from June 1 mtg –

- Eliza and Mary Ellen have been going to these meetings. Meetings are recorded. MEA will forward the link to the recordings. MEA will forward to the Google group for further information. Mary Ellen has been tracking the various capabilities / programs for each town.
 - Old Schwamb Mill – owned by and run by a non profit -
 - Trees to Frames exhibit and June 4
 - Tree puppet exhibit held last week
 - Adopt-A-Tree program kickoff in May. Additional publicity efforts needed
 - Steve, MEA and Adam got updates in place to make the program restart this year. Emails, forms, public notices went out. Email of adopters from last year captured. Steve to double check number – was under 20 at last check.
 - Could still use public notices and Green Teams – Eliza to work with Steve to get Green Team info and contact for Joe Roman
4. *Subcommittee re: Expanding Tree Planting in Town Update*
- Community Canopy Program 2022 wrap-up – **working on collecting final payments. Mara requested that we offer to pay for Thompson and Ottoson school trees out of the Trees Please fund or MacEachern.**
 - AHA planting:
 - Winslow Towers. Eliza proposes replacing yew shrubs in front with Shade Trees
 - Cusack Terrace – Keith met with Jack Nagle and AHA staff and discussed plantings. Keith to meet with rep of residents (Mike M)
 - Menotomy Manor – lost two trees from fall planting. Keith and Ed are working on a watering truck
 - **Plantings at schools.** (Brackett (3 prior months), Ottoson (3) with students, Gibbs(1) with Green Team and 4 at Thompson this week (On Site visit with Mary Ellen / Eliza, Tim, Mike, Liz H, Mara & Keith)
 - Back of Sidewalk (MGL Ch. 87) Program (Eliza). No update
 - Businesses in our hottest zones that could benefit from trees
5. *Tree bylaw – proposed changes were approved by Town*
6. *New Business*
- Town Day (9/17/2022) – registration and planning
 - Re-envisioning the Foot of the Rocks – CPA project; Public input process ongoing
 - **1490 Mass Ave clear cut** – Steve asked Tim to take a look
 - **Depaving as an idea** – Eliza raised for further discussion

Meeting adjourned: 8:54 p.m

Next Meeting: July 13, 2022