



Arlington Tree Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 **Time:** 7:30 PM

Location: Meeting will be conducted remotely, via Zoom application

Attendees: Mara Vatz, Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Ed Trembley, Steve Moore, Susan Stamps, Tim Lecuivre

1. *Approve Regular Meeting Minutes*

- May minutes approved, noting McClennen respelling. June ATC Minutes approved,

2. *Department of Public Works (DPW) Tree Division Update (Tim)*

- Tree Bylaw activity –
 - 160 Wollaston Ave. No qualifying trees to be removed. Will protect public shade tree out front. They hired a consulting arborist, Carl Cathcart.
 - 185 Wachusett Ave (Seaver properties). A 9" Norway will be removed and mitigation fees paid.
 - 96 Winchester Road (Seaver properties). No qualified trees removed. 10 trees in the setback in the back will be retained.
 - 132 Rubalee Street (Seaver properties). No qualifying trees removed; 2 qualifying trees protected. Public shade tree also protected.
 - 384 Mystic Street: (David Weinstock). No qualifying trees removed. 1 silver maple out front protected. 1 Norway maple street tree to be protected
 - 168 Florence Ave. (David Memont of Design Dynamics, new to Tim). No qualifying trees removed. 2 public shade trees will be protected
 - 0 Cutter Hill road: wooded lot. Private road. Certified arborist submitted plan. 4 qualifying trees removed 37" dbh combined, mitigation fees have been paid.
- Tree hearing(s) - none to date.
- Tree health/management news:
 - EAB treatment contract: NE Tree Service, out of RI. MA certified. 6,000 inches are expected to be treated. 1 half of trees treated 2 years ago; second half of trees treated this year. Plan is to retreat ½ again every other 2 years. Assessment of treatment is continuing.
 - EAB in Arlington. Ash trees (Adams Rd was first to be removed due to EAB, more recently a street tree on Kimball Rd was taken down due to EAB.). A few at Hardy are being treated
- Summer watering: summer help never showed up. Yet, new hire Josh is a new member of DPW Tree Crew. So now 5 members of team. Every day, one crew member is watering.
- Other Town projects:
 - Broadway Plaza: some of retained trees are not doing well. Concern was voiced about how these trees will be maintained after the watering contract has expired with the contractor. Also, there was a discussion of why planters were placed in the middle of Mass Ave when they were intended to provide additional shade on the plaza. Now they are planted with Dwarf Alberta Spruce so no canopy potential.

3. *Publicity/Community Outreach*

- Outreach to Town orgs. (ARB, Conservation Commission, Open Space Comm., Park & Recreation Commission, School Comm. (Mara reported she'd like to set up a meeting with Mike, Tim, Superintendent, Principal of Thomas ZBA, etc.) and updates on projects/policy involving trees.
 - ZBA: Steve is ATC liaison
 - Conservation Com: MEA is liaison
 - ARB: Eliza (can help during winter months) / Susan primary liaison
 - School Committee: Mara is liaison and will look at agendas.
- 1024 Mass Ave project: 40b project on MA Ave (Mike Gildesgame @ ConCom should be emailed and notified of our upcoming meetings.

- Regional Tree Committee Meeting (Eliza, Mary Ellen). Met and shared resources, Google sheets of shared programs: MEA to Add Link . MEA to send MA Tree Organizations Google groups to ATC members to join. Next meeting in about a month, and the topic will be town tree bylaws (Susan to attend to share Arlington's bylaw history and successes).
- Adopt-A-Tree program. Additional publicity efforts needed. Steve M will reach out to the townwide head of Green Teams, Rachel Oliveri, to help us recruit interested students. Also we can notify AHS that this is an opportunity for community service hours and that it can be added to the guidance counselors' community service list for the students.

4. *Subcommittee re: Expanding Tree Planting in Town Update*

- Community Canopy Program 2022 wrap-up
- AHA planting: Winslow Towers, Menotomy Manor, Cusack Terrace
- Watering new trees at schools (Brackett, Thompson, Ottoson, Gibbs) – sign up genius for Ottoson. Susan to talk to Phil Tedesco re: watering facilities responsibilities at schools. Potentially talk to town manager to see if trees could be part of custodian's job. **Action: First talk to new Facilities Director who is in charge of school grounds**
- Back of Sidewalk (MGL Ch. 87) Program (Eliza) **Action: Reach out to Doug Heim**
- Businesses in our hottest zones that could benefit from trees. No discussion

5. *Tree bylaw 2023.* No discussion

6. *New Business*

- Town Day (9/17/2022) – registration being done by Steve
- Library presentation – Susan offered to do the presentation for the Friends of Robbins at the end of September. She will reach out to Sally Naish directly

Next Meeting: August 10, 2022

Meeting adjourned 9:24pm