



Arlington Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Weds October 12, 2022 **Time:** 7:30 PM

Location: Meeting will be conducted remotely, via Zoom application

Present: Tim Lecuivre, Eliza Burden, Mara Vatz, Susan Stamps, Steve Moore, Keith Schnebly, Ed Trembly, Beth Melofchik,

1. *Approve Regular Meeting Minutes*
 - September ATC Minutes
2. *Town Day Debrief.* A good time was had by all. Lots of focus on watering. A lot of interest from the public
3. *Department of Public Works (DPW) Tree Division Update (Tim)*
 - Tree Bylaw activity – projects
 - **33 Rhinecliff.** No qualifying trees to be removed. 3 trees to be protected
 - **129 Appleton. John Sisulu.** First time doing a tree plan. No qualifying trees to be removed. Protecting 5 trees all over the property
 - **16 Forest St. John Carney.** Protecting Public Tree (smaller one) using pallets; protecting back yard Trees
 - Tree hearing(s)
 - No tree hearings scheduled
 - **261 Hillside.** Working with Mike Ciampa – proposing to put driveway on the other street. Not on Select Board agenda because still looking for input on alternatives.
 - Tree health/management news
 - Still looking out for the Spotted Lantern Fly – none yet
 - Finished up AEB treatments – all treated over the last two years. Will continue program.
 - Other Town projects involving trees
 - **Hill's Hill** – Joe Connelly – still in concept phase – Joe promised to keep Tim L in the loop.
 - **Thompson School project (Mara)** – No official news. Mara came upon the principal and they were working on the project. The superintendent has hired a design firm. Finance committee proposal coming. Irrigation system included. Table until next time
 - Beth commented that Park & Rec is trying to keep all options at Hill's Hill project which is concerning because it may threaten trees.
4. *Publicity/Community Outreach*
 - Meeting with Mike Ciampa to discuss private tree canopy concerns during build/renovation. Not scheduled yet.
 - Outreach to Town orgs. (ARB, ConComm, Open Space, Park & Rec, School Comm., ZBA, Select Board, etc.) and updates on projects/policy involving trees
 - **1021-1025 Mass Ave 40B project.** Still has not come to the ZBA yet
 - **ARB meeting notes from Steve Revilak.** Want to put a working group together to address the State Housing law to work on zoning changes required. No natural resources oriented members but Susan asked for them to include ConComm, Tree Committee
 - **Susan sent ATC draft of guidelines intended to provide direction for assessing appeals of Tree hearings.** Pat Hanlon has reviewed. Susan sent to Select Board prior to 261 Hillside hearing. Ashley will hold on until 261 Hillside on agenda. Susan will follow up on to try to get the Board to review prior to any particular hearing. Also sent to Liz Pyle who provided some editorial comments.
 - Due to insufficient time to review, a decision was made to meet for a half hour next Wednesday, 19 Oct 8:30 – 9:00 by Zoom. Keith to schedule
 - Officially rescinded vote to send the letter to other committees

- Adopt-A-Tree program
 - A lot more traffic on website – 67 visits since Town Day
 - Not sure how many new adoptions
 - Promoted on Instagram and Facebook
 - AHS Student Recognition – Green Team Award through – Steve reaching out to coordinator but not heard back
 - **Chloe Shadel recognition –**
 - **Recognition template –** Keith and Eliza to follow up
 - Motion passed authorizing Tree Committee thanks/recognition to Chloe Shadel for watering Chestnut Manor
5. *Subcommittees*
Expanding Tree Planting in Town Update
- Proposed Tree for Grads program? Meeting with David Morgan
 - Community Canopy fall planting – no update
 - Back of Sidewalk – no update
6. *Tree Watering Update*
- Subcommittee met. Recommendation is to hire outside company to supplement watering (do remaining 2/3s of watering). Similar to tree pruning, storm clean up, EAB treatment. Costs to hire contractor are estimated to be \$1000/day. 3 months full time *2 = \$120k
7. *New Business*
- Library presentation on 9/28. Susan Stamps.
 - Hybrid in person/virtual meetings decision. Jennifer Susse presented:
 - Statehouse extension through Mar 31 to stay within bounds of open meeting law.
 - Can do pilots until then using Decision Points documents
 - Rooms available at Town Hall
 - Meetings run as standard Zoom
 - Pilots to Gather data points – time and length of meetings
 - Town Staff person – training by Jim Feeney -
 - ATC voted to participate in the hybrid meeting pilot. Eliza to inform Jennifer Susse
 - **Endorsement from Gas Leaks task force. Susan Stamps.**
 - A resolution was written to get Select Board to approve the action to make National Grid fix (SEI) significant environmental Impact leaks within 6 month period.
 - Tree Committee endorses the resolution. Susan to inform David Morgan

Meeting adjourned: 9:37

Next Meeting: November 9, 2022