



Arlington Tree Committee Minutes

Date: Weds November 9, 2022 **Time:** 7:30 PM

Location: Meeting will be conducted via hybrid meeting process both in person and remotely, via Zoom application:

In person meeting will be in Arlington Town Hall Annex, second floor conference room.

In person: Keith Schnebly, Mary Ellen Aronow, Steve Moore. **On Zoom:** Mara Vatz, Susan Stamps, Ed Trembly, Tree Warden Tim Lecuivre and Guest Beth Melofchik.

1. *Approve Regular Meeting Minutes*
 - October ATC Minutes. Not reviewed
 - i. Separate minutes for subcommittee meeting.
2. *Department of Public Works (DPW) Tree Division Update (Tim)*
 - Tree Bylaw activity.
 - 15 Mott Street (Seaver). No removals, 2 protected trees in back, newly planted street tree out front will be protected on construction site
 - 39 Woodside Lane (General Contracting). No qualifying trees to be removed. A 24" hemlock unhealthy in the setback will be removed; 29" white oak in back will be protected. Abuts a woodland area
 - 31 Melvin Road (Brian Ketler). Remodeled addition is under the required 50% increase in footprint so Article 16 does not apply, yet multiple trees on site.
 - Tree hearing(s) – none
 - Fall planting – 150 bare root trees delivered; started planting on Nov 2. Tim will send a list of species. Plantings are targeting heat Islands, requests, replacement of spring trees which died. Article 16 planting with Tree Fund money will be done in the Spring.
 - Tree health/management news – no updates
 - Involvement with Town projects involving trees (see item 3.).
3. *Publicity/Community Outreach*
 - ATC Outreach to Town orgs. (ARB, ConComm, Open Space, Park & Rec, School Comm., ZBA, Select Board, etc.) and updates on projects/policy involving trees.
 - Tree hearing appeal guidance to SelectBoard (Susan) – submitted to Select Board for consideration
 - Thompson School project (Mara). School is now working with DPW and an architect (SMMA Architects) to design outdoor classroom idea, feasibility of sustainability of trees, irrigation. Michael Mason (APS CFO) is handling.
 - Veterans Mem Park (Susan). The plans call for removal of 7 trees and they will plant 19. Susan noted during public participation: Tim's recommendation was for removal of 4 (2 maple trees unhealthy, 1 dogwood, large spruce trees diseased), yet plan calls for 7 removals. Susan also reminded that newly planted small trees are not equal to retaining mature trees.
 - Hills Hill (Susan) – Preliminary meeting with CPA held. CPA will decide if this project will be funded and added to their list of projects to be approved at town meeting. Another CPA meeting is in December. During public comment it was asked if there can be a tree inventory of this parcel, and an environmental impact assessment. **Action: Susan will call David Morgan.**
 - 1021-1027 Mass Ave (40B project); ATC comments submitted to Kelly Lynema on Nov 2 (Steve, Eliza)
 - AHA planting (Keith). Keith will get a quote for trees and planting and submit to DPW for approval to spend Tree Fund money.
4. *Subcommittees Watering Trees in Town Update*
 - Adopt-A-Tree program – Steve is working to send end of year letter to adopters

5. AHS Student Recognition – go to AHS and recognize the student; explore ways of engaging more regular participation among HS students in the adopt-a-tree program for community service hours.
6. *Subcommittee for Expanding Tree Planting in Town Update*
 - Community Canopy fall planting – not discussed
 - Back of Sidewalk program – not discussed
7. *New Business*
 - Small plots of land owned by town of Arlington where there are trees/unmanaged. Could we find these Town of Arlington lands, and plant trees? (Susan and Keith)
 - Warrant opens December 1. A Bylaw subcommittee meeting will bring any recommendations to committee at December meeting

Next Meeting: December 14, 2022

Adjourn: 9:15pm