

Montague Tree Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes for Meeting 9/15/2021 6:30 PM, Montague Senior Center and Online Zoom meeting

Present: David Detmold, Rafael Vega, Walker Korby, Tom Sullivan, Annie Levine, Bill Codington, Mark Stevens, Jeffery Warren, Suzette

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** June 23, 2021 approved, motion J. Warren, 2nd by R. Vega
- **Online handouts:** Agenda, minutes June 23, 2021

- **Wood Bank Update - with Walker**
 - Needs to finish paperwork for grant
 - Sean and Roberta may have information for Walker to input
 - Currently, Sean and a DCR worker are chopping wood for stacking
 - Jeff asked “Does this need to be under MTAC?”
 - Walker will reach out to Sean for instructions on how to proceed
- **2021 Fall Updates and 2022 Spring tree planning**
 - All 2021 Fall tree deliveries have been planted
 - R.Vega working on a new design for spreadsheet updates
 - A. Levine will talk to Housing Authority about possible tree locations
 - Trees coming down – can we advocate for a hearing when this occurs
 - i. Some trees are deemed hazardous and do NOT need a hearing
 - Large trees are strong candidates for public hearings
- **Unanticipated items**
 - Suzette was disappointed about a tree plantings that occurred without MTAC advice near TF community garden
 - A crabapple and red bud were planted but shade is a concern
 - It has been requested to move the red bud to a known party’s house
 - Marc agreed to remove the tree but would like to minimize “replantings”
 - Tom and Dave will appropriate signs for “tree safety”
 - i. There are 12 out and MTAC would like 12 more available
 - Mark will run out his term as tree warden
 - **Donations to tree fund – can we discuss this on the next Agenda?
 - Tech School relationship – can we talk about fruit trees and other trees to purchase
 - Pruning Workshop

- **Next Meeting:** to be determined, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom?