

Montague Tree Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes from: *Date:* 3/29/2017 *Time:* 6:30 - 8:00 *Place:* Montague Center Fire Station *Address:* 28 Old Sunderland Rd. Montague, MA 01351

Attendees: Walker Korby, Michael Marcotrigiano, David Detmold, David Harmon, Zhaohong Wen, Leslie Brown

Not present: Suzette Snow-Cobb, Roberta Potter, Julie Kumble

6:30 Chair opens meeting and introduced newest committee member, Zhaohong Wen, from Millers Falls.

6:35 Minutes- Approval for minutes form 2/27/2017

6:35 Discussion about forming a committee to work on a proposal for a town shade tree ordinance/by-law. David Detmold provided background information. Dave Harmon proposed using Google File Share to distribute information on this (and other) subjects. Proposal approved, Dave H. will share google folders pertaining to Tree Committee folders including a folder containing bylaws of other towns for reference. Folders shall be "Read Only" to prevent possible discussion (Open Meeting violation).

6:50 Millers Falls Demonstration project - information sharing. David Detmold met with several residents of Millers Falls and walked a loop in town including both neighborhoods and downtown (including Franklin and Bridge St), discussing possible tree planting opportunities. Including residences tree plantings, some possible replacement of trees in tree wells on the main st., and a possible "Pocket Park".

Resident Tree Plantings- Committee members will be working on a flyer and a survey for Millers Falls residence, which will be finalized at the next meeting so they can be used at the Pre-town meeting-meeting. The committee will also look into grant possibilities for larger projects. Other possible funding sources identified are: Tree Fund provided by the funeral home account and Town monies provided to Tree Warnes and tree Planting grant through "Trees of Liberty" Vet group (through Senator Rosenberg).

7:25 F.C.T.S. Tree Nursery (shade tree nursery at Franklin Tech School) grant update. Grant approved!

7:30 Next meeting - Monday, April 17th (Senior Center?) 6:30-8:00 Further committee meetings will be scheduled according to best availability, determined through Timebridge. Meeting place to be determined after dates are picked.

7:35 Arbor Day-Event with Michael Marcotrigiano and other outreach project(s) to be discussed: David Detmold will handle P.R. for the event, and coordinate with Roberta Potter for logistics (PowerPoint projector) “How Not to Kill a Tree” to be held at the Turners Falls Senior Center on Saturday, April; 29th at 2:00.

Other events happening in conjunction during Arbor Week include: Special programming at the Montague Libraries, a (possible?) event at Spinner park through River Culture) and a program at the Gill Montague Regional High School “Benefits of a Healthy Urban Forest” presented by Michael Marcotrigiano.

8:30 Meeting Adjourned