

# Montague Tree Advisory Committee

## Draft Minutes for Meeting 12/11/18 6:30 PM, GM Senior Center

Present: David Detmold, Zhaohong Wen, Roberta Potter, Tom Sullivan, Leslie Brown, Andy Vega, Walker Corby, Sean Mahoney

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Handouts: Agenda, "Want a free tree?" Card sample, Montague tree project half sheet & full sheet handouts, draft minutes 10/2/18 and 11/13/18,**
- **Minutes approved 10/2 & 11/13**
  - **10/2 correction** Guests were from LPVA, not MFCIA; FRCOG representative is Evan Abramson
  - **11/13 correction** Matt Cadran's e-mail is hwycompliance@montague-ma.gov

**FRCOG meeting re Tree Data software:** tables, meeting rescheduled, Tom & David will attend

- **Greening Gateway Cities US Forest Service Grant**
  - David will meet with Montague Housing Authority (Bella Dickerson) to discuss planting trees on MHA properties
  - We need to identify locations where tree belts need trees
  - And get Tree Warden's hand written records digitized
  - And finish a comprehensive tree inventory
  - Members have met with LPVA re Rutter Park trees . Matt Atwood made a hand out leaflet for property owners Members also met with MFCIA to identify potential tree locations
  - One of the Arbor Day apple trees near LP bell tower died. We will replace in Spring
  - FRCOG has US Forest Service mapping software that we should use. Montague Planner's office intern will take the project on with Jesse Eisenheim (FRCOG) and tree committee
  - Franklin Job Board has a youth work program. Their clients might be able to help with watering. Sean will speak to Melissa and see if she might coordinate for the tree grantee towns
  - David will invite Melissa to our next meeting
  - How do we get property owners to want more trees?
    - Melissa Patterson (FRCOG) made "business cards" to hand out discussion of content ensued. David will relay comments & suggestions to Melissa
    - Discussed seeking a grant for a leaf vacuum in the future
    - Discussed putting tree related educational materials (e.g. Michael's talk) on MCTV
    - Andy will write up some FAQs for a flier
    - We'll get species lists for committee members, and "free tree" fliers and cards
    - David will ask if we can use grant money for a web site
  - FCTS has trees ready to go. Sean will investigate whether some of the 800 grant trees could be purchased from FCTS and if some of the 800 could become stock for the FCTS nursery. David will let other FCTS towns know that trees are available at the FCTS nursery
- **Urban Tree Grant Review**
  - Next Community meetings will be Turners Falls xat Senior Center, then possibly at the Farren or the Fish Lab for the Patch
  - On 11/28, Kurt Richardson took a dozen students, 14 trees, and equipment to Millers Falls and planted David attended. It was difficult to find locations. More homeowners than anticipated objected.
  - We will plant 14 more in the Spring
  - We still need to make identifying labels
  - Bob O'Bear asked for a few trees around his properties
  - Michael has suggested Hackberries for the sidewalk pits
- **Wood Bank Update**

- Some wood went missing so DPW helped to restrict area. Report was filed with MPD. We added signage
- We've had three work sessions so far. UMass students helped split and stack two cords
- Sean applied for an Urban Community Forestry grant to get \$2,000 equipment (splitter)
- We need to set some more work dates and we need more volunteers. Walker will try Judd Wire; David will try Mohawk Ramblers, Tom will try Apple Corps
- **Bylaws**
  - Subcommittee will complete draft before next meeting
- **Other**
  - David will look into using town resources for printing, postage, etc

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1/8 or 1/15