

Montague Tree Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes for Meeting 11/13/18 6:30 PM, GM Senior Center

Present: David Detmold, Zhaohong Wen, Roberta Potter, Michael Marcotrigiano, Tom Sullivan, Leslie Brown, Andy Vega

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** approved 9/11 and 10/2/18
- **Rutter Park**
 - Discussion of Rutter Park. LPVA (Lake Pleasant Village Association) has requested fruit trees and Franklin County Land Trust is supportive of fruit/nut tree planting as long as grant approved species come from approved nurseries
- **Tree City Recognition Application:**
 - Decided to apply for 2019 instead of 2018 as our Tree Ordinance is incomplete and our two ongoing grants require more of the committee's attention
- **Greening Gateway Cities US Forest Service Grant**
 - We will need to apply to purchase some ancillary equipment and supplies, e.g. gator bags, stakes. Alternative is to purchase from Tree Warden budget as trees will be purchased with grant funds
 - We will also need a maintenance plan and budget. Committee will invite Tree Warden in to discuss same in a Spring meeting
 - Walter Ramsey set up a spread sheet for Matt Cadran (DPW) to track set-back tree requests from town residents (413-863-2054 ext. 111) at highwaycompliance@montague-ma.gov
 - Sean Mahoney & David Detmold attended a LPVA meeting and David and Melissa (Franklin Land Trust) attended a MFCIA meeting to discuss grant. Both presentations yielded resident tree requests
 - Michael Marcotrigiano will share grant information and hold a village meeting in Montague Center
 - Tom Sullivan will talk to FRCOG, Sean Mahoney, and Apple Corps re existing tree maps and mapping software
 - David Detmold will ask Eversource for their current "under wire" species list
 - Andy Vega will work with LPVA to identify potential tree locations in Lake Pleasant.
- **Urban Tree Grant Review**
 - Mark Stevens, David Detmold, and Michael Marcotrigiano tagged trees at FCTS and finalized 18 locations in Millers Falls for 11/28 planting. This will make 25 trees planted. We still need identifying tags and care instructions. Grant budget includes \$100 for same
- **Other**
 - David Detmold will arrange to have Andy Vega appointed too Tree Committee
 - David Detmold, Tom Sullivan, and Michael Marcotrigiano are working on tree ordinance. David will post a sub-committee meeting and Tree Committee members can attend and comment as public. Michael Marcotrigiano will send a draft to members
 - We need a clerk.
 - David Detmold will set a meeting date on a Monday or Tuesday in the second week of December and will communicate same to members