

# Montague Tree Advisory Committee

## Minutes for Meeting 1/25/2021 6:30 PM, Online Zoom meeting

**Present:** David Detmold, Roberta Potter, Michael Marcotrigiano, Sean Mahoney, Jeffrey Warren, Annie Irene, Mark Stevens (tree Warden), Tom Sullivan, Rafael Vega, Melissa Patterson-Serrill (FRCOG)

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** October 6, 2020 approved
- **Online handouts:** Agenda, minutes October 6, 2020,
- **Preparing for Spring tree plantings - with Melissa from FRCOG**
  - So far 197 trees have been planted from 800 tree grant
  - Melissa can reevaluate our final tree count to accommodate lost time from COVID
  - Extend grant by 2 years
  - Mark estimates we can plant 50 trees in Fall, Spring and Summer for 150 per year
  - We would have 2 years and one season to complete tree plantings
  - MTAC can help finding more spots for tree plantings with a concerted plan
  - Time to call in lists from Walter, Annie can gather interest with homeowners
- **Bylaws update**
  - Walter was on the meeting and confirmed he should be able to get us on the agenda for the town meeting
  - This could be completed by late February or March
  - R. Vega will communicate with Walter to be sure process is moving accordingly
- **Wood Bank update – Roberta and Sean**
  - The Wood bank has provided 15 bins of wood this Winter helping to keep 37 people warmer through the Winter!
  - The system appears to be working well
  - 22 bins remaining?
  - Last fall, Representatives Blais, McGovern and Senator Comerford attended wood stacking day
- **Communication with Tree Warden**
  - Mark can get vests for MTAC members pruning newly planted trees
  - Mark thinks he can get most of the trees properly watered
  - Staying in contact with Melissa to find more locations
  - Possible sites include Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets
- **Unanticipated items**
  - Jeff offered to communicate with Franklin tech regarding nursery
  - Annie gave update on Apple Corps mission to create an “edible fence” by public gardens
  - Annie offered to speak with interested homeowners for tree sites
- **Next Meeting:** The end of February, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom?