

Montague Tree Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes for Meeting 4/16/19 6:30 PM, GM Senior Center

Present: David Detmold, Roberta Potter, Mark Stevens, Andy Vega, Leslie Brown, Sean Mahoney, Walker Korby, Annie (Great Falls Apple Corps)

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** approved 3/20/19
- **Handouts:** Agenda, 3/20/19 Minutes, Tree Owner's Manual, USFS
- **Tree Ordinance Review of Bylaws Draft**
 - Changes can be reviewed again after the town makes their current edits and suggestions. Tree committee will begin review and edits at the May meeting
- **Apple Corps News:** Annie was at meeting to update on projects by the Apple Corps
 - 4/27/19 cleanup at Unity Park
 - 5/19/19 edible walk at Unity Park beginning at 1pm
 - 6/15/19 Unity Park Plant Swap at the Community Garden, 11 AM
- **Spring Tree Planting**
 - Dig Safe has marked out tree locations in the "patch", Montague Center and Lake Pleasant
 - Some resistance received in "patch" but less or none in Montague Center and Lake Pleasant
 - Trees have subsequently been planted on Arbor Day
 - 110 trees are slated for planting
 - MTAC looking for help, starting at landfill, GF Apple Corps offered help
 - Planter Committee needs a tree in planter
- **Wood Bank - Sean**
 - Sean will reach out to Tech School for splitter
 - 15 bins are currently full, will need volunteer help
 - 4/28/19, at 8 am – 11 am for more work
 - Set a goal of filling 30 bins
- **Mapping more tree planting sites**
 - Mostly "the hill" in TF, Jesse is out until the end of the month
- **Communication with Tree Warden**
 - American Elm has been tree species decided on despite feedback from MTAC, 3 locations to be determined
 - 4/2/19 Crabapple tree cut down after truck hit and snapped tree by the Rendezvous
 - Tree hearings – tags are placed on trees 14 days prior to removal
- **Arbor Day 4/27/19**
 - Press release sent to MCTV, Montague Recorder and Greenfield Recorder for Arbor Day Tree Plantings
 - Millers Falls: 8:30 AM, sugar maple
 - Turners Falls hill: 10 AM, at Avenue B and High St.
 - Turners Falls 11 AM, downtown: outside TF Pizza
 - Lake Pleasant: 4 PM apple tree
 - Montague City: 10:30 AM, Walnut Street
 - Montague Center: May 1st, 71 Main St. coordinated by Michael
- **Next Meeting:** Originally discussed Tuesday 5/7/19, now moving to 5/23/19 at 6:30 PM at Senior Center