

Montague Tree Advisory Committee

Minutes for Meeting 9/10/19 6:30 PM, Montague Senior Center

Present: David Detmold, Roberta Potter, Mark Stevens, Andy Vega, Sean Mahoney, Michael Marcotrigiano

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** approved 6/18/19
- **Handouts:** Agenda, 6/18/19 Minutes
- **Bylaws Update**
 - Minor amendments/language will be made to refine tree fund section
 - Selectboard request language to be clear regarding public trees placed in private locations
 - Create an addendum for so private recipients understand the tree must be maintained for 3 years
 - David will check will Walter for advice from Town Council
 - A handout will also be provided for upcoming trees delivered this Monday
 - Revisions will be made and brought to local village meetings to generate awareness (January – Spring)
- **Millers Falls Grant Evaluation**
 - Discussion of a possible tree walk to raise awareness
 - The “Patch” or Montague Center are possible locations
- **More tree planting sites/ Site mapping around town**
 - A preference for walking over mapping is favored by MTAC
 - Roberta and David will locate 30 more sites (15 each) and other candidates can help in their respective villages
 - 30 more trees coming this October
 - MTAC requested to increase shipments of trees from grant from 30 to 40
- **Wood Bank Grant update- Walker and Sean**
 - Staying at current location
 - Volunteers have been notified for next work day (Sean) – more notice? MCTV, students?
 - Wood Bank work days assigned for 2019: 9/7, 9/28, 10/5, 11/2, 11/17, 12/14. All will run from 8:30 am to 11:30am
 - A motion was made (Vega) and approved by MTAC to approve work days and times
 - 14 bins have been readied, more to come, aiming for dispersal in January
 - Grant will be given to Town Clerk for use of funds (\$2000)
 - DPW can spend the money and then reimbursed by town (Grant)
 - Funds used for wood splitter approximately \$1000. To be stored at DPW
 - Additional funds expected to come from volunteer material
- **FCTS Tree Nursery Tour and Update**
 - Current conditions for trees are good but not great
 - MTAC would like to support and promote
 - Michael would like to select “premium” trees to reserve (Greenfield has strong interest)
- **DCR Challenge Grant for 2020?**
 - This grant could be used for youth labor watering the soon to be 800 new trees planted
 - Sean can help but we (MTAC) need to aid and help write
 - Apple Core was suggested as a possible source to help organize this effort
- **Items not anticipated**
 - Discussed if any members of MTAC need to be replaced?
 - Will obtain language for the “800 tree” grant
- **Next Meeting:** Next date for MTAC will be scheduled on 10/8/19 at 6:30 PM at Senior Center

