

# Montague Tree Advisory Committee

## Approved Minutes for Meeting 2/24/2021 6:30 PM, Online Zoom meeting

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

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** January 25, 2021 approved, motion J. Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Vega
- **Online handouts:** Agenda, minutes January 25, 2021, revised bylaws edited by WR
- **Preparing for Spring tree plantings - with Melissa from FRCOG**
  - Melissa will share google sheet to help with tree locations for new plantings
  - If we aim for 50 trees/season (200/ year) we can get an additional 400 trees by end of grant
  - Now appropriate to search for locations under power lines with discretion
  - This would reduce total from grant to 600 trees per granters request
  - DPW is requesting 2 extra workers in budget to accommodate work load
  - Melissa will look into purchasing vests for MTAC and pruning crew and “request a tree” signs
  - Mike, Walker and Andy will look into coming up with a pruning guide with training dates
- **Wood Bank update – Roberta and Sean**
  - The Wood bank has provided 28 bins of wood this Winter and are all out of bins to donate
  - The system appears to be working well but may want to increase for future
  - Request to place kiosk at location
  - A potential target could be 15 cords of wood
- **Bylaws update**
  - Walter provided a revised copy of bylaws at end of last meeting with significant changes
  - WR version incorporates “Pittsfield” adaptation of tree bylaws
  - WR version reduces bylaws from MTAC’s “Amherst/Northampton” version from 15 pages to 5
  - MTAC members will come up with comments/edits to be voted on for next meeting
  - Final version will be compiled by mike
- **Unanticipated items**
  - Jeff offered to communicate with Franklin tech regarding nursery via Marc
  - Andy will look into updating MTAC web page on town site
- **Next Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom?