

Montague Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes from 7/19/16, 6:30-7:45 P.M. Carnegie meeting room

This is the Montague Tree Advisory Committee's first meeting.

Attendees: Julie Kumble, Suzette Snow-Cobb, Michael Marcotrigiano, David Detmold, Roberta Potter, Walker Korby and David Harmon.

Not present: Leslie Brown

Officer appointments: Chair: David Detmold, Corresponding Secretary: David Harmon

Setting meeting date: Meetings will alternate between Carnegie Library in Turners Falls and the Lady Killigrew in Montague Center. Working on choosing a recurring day to meet monthly.

The visionary direction for the M.T.A.C. was discussed. The Committee identified its primary goal as being an advisory board for the Montague Tree Warden. Community outreach was also identified as a role for this committee, with sharing knowledge and information as two key aspects of the outreach. Goals and direction may evolve over time.

Discussion: David Detmold will invite Mark Stevens (Tree Warden for Town of Montague) to our next meeting in order to introduce ourselves, and to get information as to what he would like our role to be (what are some things he would like from us). David will also invite Walter Ramsey (Town Planner) to the following meeting, to introduce ourselves and to open a dialog regarding trees, shade and town development.

Outreach: The idea of having doing something on/near Arbor Day next year (4/21/17) was discussed, possibly including a presentation by Michael Marcotrigiano.

F.C.T.S. Tree Nursery update: Kurt Richardson at the Franklin County Technical School (F.C.T.S.) has started a tree nursery with 25 trees of mixed variety planted this year. They are 4 year old saplings in grow bags. The Nursery is $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, with intention to expand. Kurt has asked for help from the Montague Tree Committee (M.T.C.) and the Greenfield Tree Committee(G.T.C.) to help secure grant funding to expand the Tree nursery, which hopes to add drip irrigation. The Nursery hopes to provide Trees to local towns at a competitive rate.

Proposal for the M.T.C to work with the G.T.C to explore grant opportunities to support the establishment of a Tree Nursery at the F.C.T.S. Vote taken and unanimously approved.