

Montague Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes from 8/30/16, 6:15 -7:45P.M. Carnegie meeting room

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

Not present: All Present

Chair opened meeting. Minutes approved for 7/19/16

Tree Warden Mark Stevens - Introductions, Mark answered the Question "*In what ways can this group be in assistance (to the Tree Warden)*"? Mark identified several ways the M.T.C could be helpful to him including: Finding locations for new trees to go in (including contacting the landowners), help watering newly planted trees (including directly or indirectly by arranging for community assistance), continued pruning of crabapple trees, and by opening a discussion with the Town Planner regarding a downtown streetscape plan. Mark also answered many question about the intricacies of his position including financial information, tree removal costs and procedures, and new tree plantings.

Adoption of decision making bylaws - Discussion tabled

F.C.T.S. Tree Nursery Grant proposal update: Roberta reported on a Greenfield Tree Committee (G.T.C.) meeting she and David Detmold attended in which a draft agreement was discussed. Our Committee had more questions regarding the draft proposal and Greenfields ability to enforce an agreement. It was agreed that more research was necessary, and discussion would be continued at next meeting, David Detmold to follow-up with both G.T.C. and the F.C.T.S.

Outreach -Arbor Day? Discussion tabled

New Business - Set recurring day of month to meet: Dependant upon Walters availability.

Items not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting. Henry Lappen of the Amherst Tree Committee (A.T.C.) was in attendance and was invited to speak. Henry shared with the committee background information on the A.T.C. including its formation, structure, goals and provide many different examples of outreach the A.T.C. employs (Door Hangers, website request a tree forms, facebook page, and "stump patrols".

Henry followed up his visit with an email providing more detailed information about outreach, education and workshops. The email was forwarded to committee members on October 10th, from David Harmon. A copy is available for public viewing in the M.T.C. records folder.

David Harmon
Corresponding Secretary

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