

Montague Tree Advisory Committee (M.T.C.)

Minutes from Date: 10/12/2016 Time: 6:30 Place: Five Eyed Fox

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

Not present: Julie Kumble, Walker Korby,

1. Chair opened meeting. Minutes approved for 8/30/16
2. Walter Ramsey: Montague Town Planner - Discussion as follows:
 - a. Introductions, than Walter reviewed recent town projects which involved planting public shade trees (Montague City Rd. upgrade - 15-20 trees, 3rd St. parking lot - 6 trees). Als informed that Water is working with a umass intern to expand the through inventory in Turners Falls.
 - b. *Turners Falls*- the Avenue A Crab Apple trees, which are beginning to die off after a long street life. Streetscape plans were explained and discussed as a long term solution, for short term, an idea was brought up that looking into upgrading/replacing a single Town Planter could be a practical test run, and could include discussion with downtown business owners.
 - c. *Millers Falls* - discussed, with 10-29 trees needed/or need replacing. Advantage to beginning work in Millers - fewer trees, area is seeing local building improvements and has seen less attention from town.
 - d. *Lake Pleasant* - Rudders Park improvement in works - Tree Advisory Committee may make recommendations regarding the choosing of tree types.
 - e. *In general*- Discussed lack of town standards/guidelines or plantings, plans for pruning and upkeep of young trees.
3. Discussion about collaborating with Greenfield's tree committee to seek grant funds to expand the new municipal shade tree nursery at the Tech School..
 - a. Consensus reached for M.T. C. to proceed with collaboration with G.T.C. on a grant application for the **Community Foundation** for start up and support funds for the F.C.T.S. Tree Nursery.

David Harmon, Corresponding Secretary
Montague Tree Advisory Committee