

## Montague Tree Advisory Committee

**Minutes from:** Date: 1/25/2017 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 Place: Montague Center Fire Station Address: 28 Old Sunderland Rd. Montague, MA 01351

**Attendees:** Walker Korby, Michael Marcotrigiano, David Detmold, Julie Kumble, David Harmon.

**Not present:** Suzette Snow-Cobb, Roberta Potter, Leslie Brown

1. (unanticipated) Guest - Mary Chicoine: Franklin Regional Council of Government (frcog), Land use planner.
  - a. Introductions and frcog background
  - b. Presentation of an Art Place America project being proposed by frcog, which would include four towns and would combine art and nature.
  - c. Vote taken to “approve a request to support pursuing a four town grant through Art Place America”. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Guest - Nancy Hazard, Head of the Greenfield Tree Committee (GTC)
  - a. Introductions and background of Greenfield Tree Committee which is a volunteer organization, in existence 15-20 and has raised its operating expenses through fundraising and grants
  - b. Discussion of recent work of the GTC including the passing of new tree bylaws and of outreach projects the committee had done, which include: Tree Walks (stroll through neighborhoods focussing on trees), and group tree plantings.
3. Minutes approval for 10/12/16 tabled until next meeting
4. Arbor Day Outreach - Committee members are going to independently pursue idea for an Arbor Day outreach project. At next meeting members will discuss possible projects and may choose a project to enact for Arbor Day.
5. Millers Falls - Possible demonstration project to be discussed tabled
6. No update at this time of the F.C.T.S. Tree Nursery
7. Discussion of letter from Eversource regarding tree trimming and removal was presented, as was the response from Town Manager Steven Ellis, which reminds Eversource of the need for a public hearing prior to the removal of a town tree. The letters will be shared electronically with committee members following the meeting. Electronic copies are saved on file.
8. Next meeting - At the suggestion of the committee, Dave Harmon will set up an online poll to determine the next three meeting dates.

Minutes by - David Harmon, Corresponding Secretary

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

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

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**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  
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