

Montague Tree Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes for Meeting 3/16/2021 6:30 PM, Online Zoom meeting

Present: David Detmold, Mark Stevens, Michael Marcotrigiano, Sean Mahoney, Jeffrey Warren, Annie Levine, Rafael Vega, Melissa Patterson-Serrill (FRCOG), Walker Korby, Dave Harmon

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** February 24, 2021 approved, motion J. Warren, 2nd by R. Vega
- **Online handouts:** Agenda, minutes February 24, 2021, revised bylaws edited by Marcotrigiano
- **Bylaws update**
 - Several grammar and sentence restructures were approved by MTAC
 - This copy was sent to A. Irene to find additional edits
 - Final version approved by M. Marcotrigiano
 - MTAC will send this off to Walter for Town's approval
- **Preparing for Spring tree plantings - with Melissa from FRCOG**
 - Ordered 6 large vests for MTAC members that would prune trees
 - Created Google spreadsheet for establishing tree locations in Montague
 - Michael has included up to 67 trees
 - Deliveries dates requested are 4/26/21 and June 1st at 10am
 - Melissa requested that we get her a list of aforementioned trees 3 weeks prior to delivery dates above
 - MTAC will help Mark with spraying at sites where trees will be planted
 - Mike, Walker and Andy will look into coming up with a pruning guide with training dates
- **Communication with Tree Warden – Mark Stevens**
 - Extra trees (10) located at Franklin Tech
 - Will setup appointment to have MTAC members meet with Kurt from Tech
 - MTAC wants to know where trees planted for Arborday should go
 - Do we want to add signage for tree planting
- **Structural Pruning Presentation – Korby, Marcotrigiano and Vega**
 - 20 minute presentation delivered on pruning of young trees via PowerPoint
- **Unanticipated items**
 - Annie wanted to bring attention to cemetery via cemetery commission about including “edible” trees
 - Melissa will look into determining if grant will approve tree plantings at cemetery
 - Location near Unity Park was heavily pruned, approved by Mark for visibility and right-of-way
- **Next Meeting:** not determined but prior to 4/29 town meeting, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom?