

# Montague Tree Advisory Committee

## DRAFT Minutes for Meeting 10/6/2020 6:30 PM, Online Zoom meeting

Present: David Detmold, Roberta Potter, Michael Marcotrigiano, Sean Mahoney, Mark Stevens (tree Warden), Tom Sullivan, Rafael Vega, Melissa (FRCOG)

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** February 25, 2020 approved
- **Online handouts:** Agenda, minutes February 25, 2020, October 17, 2020 tree planting flyer
- **Discussion with Melissa from FRCOG**
  - 6 trees to be planted @ Sheffield school on Davis St.
  - Committee agreed to help plant trees with group on 10/17 @ 8:30 am
  - Extra attention may be garnered as some democratic candidates may be in attendance
  - MTAC will help with directions and equipment
  - Mike and David will attend a 10/9/20 site visit from DCR and USFS
  - Mark will check with Mike about finding more spots for tree plantings
- **Monitoring gator bag removal and data collection**
  - Trees planted 1<sup>st</sup> year should have bags removed
  - Marc can remove them in the next couple weeks
  - Trees planted for 2+ years can be considered for corrective pruning
  - Marc's okay with Tree Committee pruning newly these 2+ yr trees
  - Tree planted from grant have a low mortality rate so far
- **Wood Bank update**
  - Safety review with COVID guidelines has been approved
  - Scheduled workday has been planned for 10/17, 9:45 – 11-45.
  - Rep. Blaise expected to attend, possibly MA Senator Comeford and Congressman McGovern
  - Sean may need to split wood for stacking
  - Sean will contact volunteers for to organize help
  - Wood bank location has changed
  - Dates established for volunteer help on 10/17, 10/24, and 10/31 of this year
  - Roberta has identified 4 or 5 people who will use firewood
  - 2 dry bins available now, the rest will be available by early November.
  - 26 bins distributed last year
- **Communication with Tree Warden**
  - Marc is back and will be in capacity to help with MTAC
  - Marc has regular crew for planting and watering
  - Would prefer to increase tree deliveries to 40 per day to help with planting
  - Staying in contact with Melissa to find more locations
  - Possible sites include Chestnut, Grove, Maple, Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets
- **Unanticipated items**
  - Welcome Jeff and Annie as official members
  - Try scoping out sites for trees in a single area for ease of planting
  - Homeowners can still request trees
  - Walker has a list of tree requests
  - Marc would prefer to prioritize larger trees vs smaller trees
  - Will share potential and current locations of tree sites to be planted
- **Next Meeting:** December 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom?