



Minutes of
The Shade Tree
Committee
2 February 2019

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DATE: November 4, 2021
TIME: 9:22 AM

The meeting was called to order at 16:40 by Acting Chair Nancy Forbes, and attended by, in alphabetical order: Rachel Berger, Mike Chesson, Jennifer Parker, DeNee Reiton Skipper and Tom Walsh.

The minutes of 19 November 2018 and 7 January 2019 were approved.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT: Since it is winter, there is not a lot to report. Tree removals are proceeding as necessary. Since snow is, thus far, scarce, heavy equipment is available to proceed apace. Spring tree planting will use the same supplier as in years past. When spring arrives, there will be a need to evaluate the quantity and quality of the Ash trees in the town to determine the presence and/or status of the Emerald Ash Borer. Many of our White Ash trees have been struggling for some time, but most of the Ash trees in town are of the Green Ash variety. So far the EAB is not an issue, but if it becomes so, we will have to go before the Board of Selectmen to discuss the funds for injecting certain Ash trees. We hope to identify and list the Ash trees before the Town Meeting in April, so we will have a handle on the scope of the problem, should TM have to approve the funding request.

ARBOR DAY: It is the last Friday of April. The choice of site was discussed. One resident wants to plant a Beech Tree in the War Memorial area on Common Street, honoring his brother. He would pay for the tree and has already contacted the BOS about this plan.

MCLEAN TREE WALK: Awaits spring, and the possibility of considering it an official meeting of the STC was mentioned.

TOWN FIELD: There is no progress on the CPA funding of the playground as yet.

ALEXANDER UNDERPASS: The route is not finalized, so it is on hold.

CLAYPIT POND PATHWAY: On hold.

HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION: We need to contact them and invite them to a meeting to present their plans for the tree plantings.

The meeting adjourned at 17:30. The next meeting tentatively is planned for 11 March 2019.

Minutes respectfully submitted by DeNee Reiton Skipper
Minutes approved,

Lucia Gates