

MINUTES OF  
**THE SHADE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
9 December, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm. Attending: Michael Chesson, Julia Corbett, Kayta Curzie Gajdos, Lucia Gates (chairperson), Eva Hoffman, Jennifer Parker

A motion was carried, to table review of the minutes from the 11/4/19 until the next committee meeting, which will be held **on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

Lucia distributed a list of the 10 active projects that involve installing shade trees on public land in Belmont. She led a discussion of and asked for committee updates regarding those projects. Although, many of these projects have no updated information as they are dormant in the winter.

Lucia reported that the proposed new Library will include a pedestrian walk in the rear of the building, that will connect to the existing garden in the woods. Though any input to shade trees or plantings for this project are premature.

Eva updated the group on the Town Field project, she is in the process of contacting the Director of Public Works.

Lucia described the 'linear park' a part of the community path that will run from the Alexander Underpass along the new 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> school grounds, to Concord Ave. This walk will be planted with an alley of shade trees. In addition, the Belmont Garden Club is in the process of considering funding the rehabilitation of the Ruth Ippen Tree Walk which abuts Concord Ave, south of clay pit pond.

Eva asked the Committee to describe the process that a Belmont citizen would use to request the planting of a shade tree on the public space in front of their home. A question was raised: Is there a waiting period to plant a new tree in the same space where an old (and healthy) tree has been removed. (For example: a tree is removed because of storm damage. Can a new tree be immediately replanted, or is there a waiting period to allow for the reclamation of the root system of the removed tree.)

A topic was suggested for the next meeting: Tree 'deserts' in Belmont, are there any, and does the town earmark these areas as a re-planting priority.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Julia Corbett

Approved,

*Lucia Gates*