

Tree Committee

October 5, 2016, Mason Library

I. Lisa Bozzuto called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM. Present were members Michael Wise and Hilda Banks Shapiro, and tree warden Michael Piretti. Absent: Beth Moser.

II. Minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2016 were approved, without objection.

III. Old business

A. Tree list

Bozzuto reported that the list is now on the town website

IV. New business

A. Senior housing and other planting possibilities

Bozzuto will meet with Nan Wile Friday about her ideas. Wile has been talking with Tom Ingersoll. Piretti said he had been looking at dead trees that might be removed along the river; because they are not live, this removal might not trigger the new town bylaw about replacement. The sugar maple at 525 Main has been removed; it was a town tree and a risk to public safety because of extensive storm damage; that might call for for a replacement. Another damaged town sugar maple has been removed in Housatonic, at 10 Meadow Street. And two were removed on Everett. The bylaw could support putting a replacement tree on the town right of way near the senior center and senior housing. Piretti said budget money would be needed to pay for doing this very much (although it is early in the year, so there are funds in the budget now); he intends to ask the new DPW director to boost the tree planting budget. Bozzuto wil draft a letter to the town manager proposing some plantings.

B. Tree City renewal

Buzzoto said that the material from the first sections of last year's application can be recycled. Information on recent actions and expenditures will be needed from the tree warden and DPW. The checklist is short. Buzzuto will try to finish the application this week.

C. Meeting time

The meetings will begin at 5:30, to accommodate changing work schedules.

V. Citizen speak time

There were no citizens to speak.

VI. General

A. The next meeting will be November 2, 2016, at 5:30

The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:48 PM.



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