

Tree Committee

February 3, 2016, Mason Library

I. Jess Wikle called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. Present were members Beth Moser, Michael Wise and Hilda Banks Shapiro, and tree warden Michael Piretti. Also present: Craig Okerstrom-Lang. Absent: Lisa Bozzuto,

II. Minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2015 were approved without objection.

III. Old business

A. Bylaw amendment:

Wikle will e-mail the draft as approved by the Committee in December to the Selectboard.

B. Arbor Day

Moser will do the press release, about the program Shapiro proposed with the Waldorf School. Okerstrom-Lang inquired about how to propose planting locations. Wikle said Dennis Gibbons was looking into replacing the tree planted in the cemetery, and other suggestions are welcome.

C. 79 Bridge St. trees

Craig Okerstrom-Lang presented the latest revised plan. Two scarlet oaks will be planted along Bridge Street (rather than zelkovas). Also added: hop hornbeams and silver birch. Along the River Walk, which has approved the plan, there will be black tupelos. Planning Board has had another site-review session. The Conservation Commission has two peer reviews underway. Changes in the current plan respond to Committee comments. Piretti asked about the treatment of the oak at the southeast corner, on the east edge of the driveway by the river and Bridge Street. This tree is not a town tree, but it is being retained. The Committee recommended that when work starts, protection should be in place around this oak tree. The Committee recommended fence protection all the way out to the dripline of the tree to protect it from any soil compaction or construction damage.

IV. New business

There were no new business items.

V. Citizen speak time

There were no citizens to speak.

VI. General

A. The next meeting will be March 2, 2016.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:45 PM.

