

Tree Committee

May 4, 2016, Mason Library

I. Jess Wikle called the meeting to order at 5:19 PM. Present were members Lisa Bozzuto Beth Moser, Michael Wise and Hilda Banks Shapiro, and tree warden Michael Piretti. Also present: prospective member Joyce Scheffey, Ed Abrahams.

II. Minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2015 were approved without objection.

III. Old business

A. Tree planting grant

Hilda has gotten permission from seven of the nine businesses. Wikle met with Dennis Gibbons and Joe Sokul on Monday. Planting the eight trees should be done in the next couple of weeks. They are coming from Ward's; the order was small enough not to require bidding.

B. Bylaw amendment

The mini-meeting is tonight, and the town meeting is next week. Wikle is prepared to explain it if there are question.

C. Arbor Day

All has gone according to plan. The artwork is reportedly excellent.

IV. New business

A. Turnover & chair

The next meeting will be Wikle's last before leaving for graduate school. Bozzuto is willing to become chair, at least until someone else steps forward. On nomination by Wise, seconded by Moser, Bozzuto was elected chair unanimously. Mike Piretti is now formally a member.

B. Main Street trees

Piretti said the town would likely need to start taking over the care of the new trees after about 90 days, although they are guaranteed for a year. Watering is most important: Tom Ingersoll recommends that the soil around them should have the texture of cake batter, all summer.


V. Citizen speak time

Joyce Scheffey is interested in joining the committee.

VI. General

A. The next meeting will be June 1, 2016.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:35PM.

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