

Tree Committee

May 6, 2015, Mason Library

I. Chairman Dennis Gibbons called the meeting to order at 5:23 PM. Present were members Dennis Gibbons, Lisa Bozzuto, Jess Wikle, and Michael Wise. Absent: Hilda Banks Shapiro, Beth Moser, and tree warden Michael Piretti

II. Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2014 were approved.

III. Old business

A. Bylaw amendment

Bozzuto will bring a draft to the next meeting, to ensure replacement of trees that are removed.

B. Tree List

Gibbons submitted the suggested tree list to town hall, and it is now up on the website.

C. DCR Grant

Bozzuto reported that the grant was submitted May 1. At the last meeting, DPW wants something formal, in the form of a temporary easement, for town employees to plant and tend these trees. This has been taken care with a form the merchants will sign giving permission for access..

IV. New business

A. Data collection

Gibbons brought in the committee's tablet. iTree is now on the DPW computers, so continuing inventorying can be added. Gibbons volunteered to continue to help with the inventory, after his term ends (and he moves to Sheffield). We have the tablet because the Parks Commission wanted the park trees inventoried. We should appreciate that assistance by extending the inventory to the park properties too. Having that underway will support future grant applications. Wikle took custody of the tablet for the time being.


B. Upcoming reorganization

The committee will soon need two more members. We might consider reducing the committee to five or even three members; several other towns have small committees.

V. General

A. The next meeting will be June 3, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

  
Michael Wise  
Secretary