

Minutes for Elm Commission Meeting 11/28/2012 @ 7:30PM in the Hildreth House:

Attendees:

Commission: Bill Calderwood, Denis Wagner, Christian Bilodeau and Mario Cardenas

Public: Margaret Coyle

1. Status of injections (cost) by tree #
Injecting 6-7 trees per year on a three year rotation has worked very well (~\$4,000/year)
2. Pruning this winter of injected trees?
Need to assess old trees and plan to use volunteers again to prune young trees.
3. Need seasoned wood chips on all young trees
Need to schedule with Christian for when he is onsite for a day (check with Dylan for watering equipment and # hours needed for senior project)
4. Balance in Private Fund
\$6643.40 as of 9/5/2012
5. Vote to bring private fund back into public "Harvard Tree Fund."
The four attending Elm Commission members voted to create a public fund named the "Harvard Tree Fund" and therefore will transfer HCT Tree Fund cash to the HTF at the appropriate time.
6. Newsletter Review
All attendees provided excellent input and the finished draft is in review. We will need to transfer funds prior to printing and mailing.
7. Memorial Tree Policy
All attendees provided excellent input and Mario has volunteered to create a draft for an early winter meeting with Park & Rec
8. Spring 2013 planting (3 Hawthorns or possibly a Hawthorn to the west of the General Store, 2 red maples (Armstrong), Katsura, Burr Oak)
9. Spring 2014 planting (8 Disease Resistant Elm as a "formal" allee will not be a good candidate for in front of the library). Plantings should not be done on the north side of the library front pavement and we should plant on the south side for more shade)
10. If time permits: Tree and site selection policy (inventory, underground obstacles...)
11. Dennis Collins was not able to make the meeting, but he is planning to work with the commission in regards to inventory options with existing topographical maps / google mapping. This would allow for planning plantings in critical areas needing improvement.
12. Float to the Selectman and towns people a new name for the Elm Commission (new name proposed = "The Elm and Shade Tree Commission.")