

Elm Commission Meeting Minutes (red); 7:30PM on 26 March 2015; Hildreth House

Attendees: Christian Bilodeau, Mario Cardenas, Bill Calderwood and no persons from the public.

1. Review proposed amendments to the tree planting policy made by the stakeholder reviews (P&R, Con Com and School Com). Review, create and amend draft documents related to implementation of the tree planting policy (application, table for potential locations / species, map of town corridor with numbered locations and table for tracking planted memorial trees. Review red bordered map of town owned land. **The policy, application and tables were finalized, but the proposed location map and species table will not be fully created until a walk around the corridor meeting scheduled for May 19 at 6PM.**
2. Expect that the earliest “new” round of memorial trees would be in the spring of 2016. **Confirmed as approval by BOS is needed prior to implementing.**
3. Review trees to plant this spring (includes a sugar maple adjacent to last year’s first grade tree planting). Ordered gift trees for 64 first graders. **This year’s planting will likely be focused on South Shaker village (old maple removals).**
4. Discuss tree watering plan for summer. Approve order for some new tree gators (max number is ~15 trees). **Christian to obtain 10 more tree watering bags with new tree order and Bill will verify with Tom Garfield that he is all set with COA to water.**
5. Discuss timing and availability for pruning young trees (debris pickup coordinated with Rich Nota). **Bill will coordinate with volunteers (Denis and Dennis?)—Sunday April 19?**
6. Discuss funding for Elm Tree injections in June. **Bill to call Dave Landry for detailed quote.**
7. **Article 9 of Warrant was reviewed. Tree Warden’s approval should be inserted (preferably by DPW).**

Bill Calderwood

27 March 2015