**REPLANTING MONSON TREE COMMITTEE**



**Minutes of November 18, 2014 Meeting**

Members In attendance: Valarie Beaudoin, Leona Brahen, Bill Dominick, Leslie Duthie, Vicky Prior and Jo Sauriol

The minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed and, after motion duly made by Ms. Duthie and seconded by Ms. Prior, were approved,

**Spring Events**

The Committee discussed various options for spring events, including a fruit tree event and a potential pruning session. Ms. Duthie outlined the remaining planting that needed to be completed at the new town administration building and Veteran’s Field. Ms. Beaudoin reported that there was approximately $22,000.00 remaining in the public tree budget and Ms. Duthie reported that there was approximately $1,500.00 in the private tree fund. It was decided that the Committee would discuss avenues for potential fundraising at a future meeting of the Committee.

**Tree City Application**

Ms. Beaudoin outlined her meeting with John Morrell, Monson Tree Warden, to review the proposed application. Mr. Morrell provided the Committee with a copy of the Massachusetts Tree Warden ordinances and Ms. Beaudoin reported that she would review the application before presenting to the Selectmen with Mr. Morrell. She reported that the financial requirements for the application did not appear to be a problem since the formula used to determine eligibility would require Monson to spend approximately $17,000.00 per year on trees. The Committee felt that this goal could be easily reached with the various elements that are included in the financial portion of the application. It was agreed that the Committee would attend the Selectmen’s meeting scheduled for November 18 and present the concept with the understanding that if approved, the Committee would move forward with drafting an application for Selectmen review.

Ms. Beaudoin read a recent email that had been received regarding an elm tree program and it was decided that this was not something the Committee wished to pursue.

Ms. Beaudoin reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on December 9, 2014 and that the Committee would take the months of January and February off and return to meeting on March 10, 2015.

After motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.