

Amended **DRAFT AMHERST PUBLIC SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES**
November 10th, 2020

Present: Henry Lappen (Chair), Alan Snow (Tree Warden), Beki Margalit, Gina Ethredge, Claudia Richards, Shoshona King, Sara Lawler

Absent: Bennett Hazlip, Gordon Green, Marian Hazzard
No quorum.

Location: Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Meeting opened at 5:30pm

- 1) Public Comment: None
- 2) Hearings: None
- 3) Minutes postponed till next month
- 4) Chair Report:
 - a. Planting at the Boulders apartment buildings is a possibility; and also at The Brook
 - i. Some trees have been offered for this planting by Felix. Since it's on a private road, we cannot use town funds.
 - b. How are we going to fund new requests for trees?
 - i. The tree committee could use own money.
 - ii. We could ask the town to include money for trees in budget.
 - c. Spoke to person at 35 Glendale. He will speak to neighbors and put together a planting in the spring.
 - d. Placards have been at the printers and will be done soon.
- 5) Tree Warden Report:
 - a. Alan is maintaining a list of people that request trees. People can also request trees via SeeClickFix.
 - b. Been able to get a lot of tree work done because of nice weather
 - c. Plans were changed for a driveway project to save trees because of the disincentive of replacement costs.
- 6) Treasurer Report: No change.
- 7) Second Saturday Plantings:
 - a. 2021: Glendale Rd, The Brook, Mill Lane,
 - i. Keep eye out for more spots
 - b. **This Saturday (11/14/20) – 97 Farview Way planting at 9:30AM**
- 8) Nursery project is tabled for next month.
 - a. Maybe get Sassafras stock
- 9) Significant Tree Ordinance:

- a. Needs another round of comments, revising, and editing before reaching out to Town Council.
- b. **Sara** will send out again for comments.

10) T Shirts:

- a. Vendor needs to get paid first before printing them

11) Internet Presence:

- a. Facebook and Instagram are being used regularly

12) Tree Placards for 2021:

- a. Putting them up as an event, maybe for Arbor Day
- b. Getting the age of the tree on the placard (maybe with some historical facts)
- c. Project out value with smaller trees (what it will provide for the next generation)
- d. **Sara** will draft up next versions.

Hours: _____

Meeting Adjourned: 6:20pm

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on December 8th, at 5:30