

PUBLIC SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
March 10, 2009
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Alan Snow, Tree Warden; Hope Crolius, Chair; Diana Stein, Sect Board Liaison; Otto Stein, Conservation Commission Representative; Bill Hutchinson.

Minutes: Approved minutes of February 10, 2009, as corrected.

Tree Warden: Loss of street trees has become a concern for several citizens. TW will post trees for removal. He noted that trees at risk do not require posting for removal but the TW will post an 8 ½ X 11 sign on trees for removal due to risk assessment such as rotted core and the like. Some trees may be pruned to alleviate risk. Process needs some clarification with Guilford Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works.

Dana Street residents are interested in doing a tree walk to evaluate the trees on their Street.

Rail trail “issue” a wider trail, 10 ft, with winter plowing for year round use. Not an issue for APSTC.

Review of other activities:

- Girl Scouts fund raising for trees

- A follow up on April 4th – late morning tree walk

- The North Amherst Library tree removal and planned replacement

- ANTS Recent articles on trees

- Downtown tree mulching

A concern has been raised by Bill Elasser concerning the Tulip Tree in front of the Lord Jeff and the potential injury during the renovation of the Lord Jeff. Contractors have said they will do all that is possible to avoid damage to tree

The Hadley Garden Center will present two Princeton Elms (resistant to Dutch Elm) to the Town – one for planting at North Amherst Library and one for the lawn at Jones Library.

The 250th will be on the town web site in PDF form

April 6th presentation to Select Board, about 15 min, on Arbor Day

Gift tree fund has about 8 to 9 thousand dollars in it from contributions for 250th anniversary and the like.

With the work on the west side of North Pleasant Street 8 to 14 new trees will be planted and APSTC should start thinking about what species or cultivars might be appropriate for the area soils and sun exposure.

Dave Ziomek approved of expanding the Public Shade Tree Committee to seven.

A draft letter will be sent to TM on the issue.

Adjourned 5:28 PM