

PUBLIC SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
May 12, 2009
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Diana Stein, Otto Stein, Robert Erwin, Alan Snow, William Hutchinson, David Ziomek.

Call to Order: 4:10 PM

Minutes

Minutes of April 21, 2009 were approved as read.

Tree Warden Report

A brochure on Tree City for Amherst 22 years as a Tree city (brochure available) for the growth of the Amherst tree programs. The TW presented the plaque and Diana Stein will determine where plaque will be posted. Tree City highway signs will also be posted.

Trees will be planted on North Pleasant Street when the sidewalk work is completed (see Amherst Tree order form). Additionally 25 tree gators for the watering of the trees will be purchased. These are reusable and can be moved when new trees are established. The Elms trees in town will be treated on the South East Street common and the Grayson Elm.

Pete Montgeon, Tree Maintenance man, Tree Dept, is anxious to get started.

For a green project the storm water runoff pollution in the center of town perhaps needs to evaluate the impervious surfaces and find some way for it to percolate into the ground.

The Girl Scouts will plant a Red Oak across from the Fort River School. The Brownies will plant a Black Gum (Tupelo) at Fort River School. They had raised the money to buy the tree.

The Sand Hill review and the moving of the road into the actual right of way will be considered. A walk through of the road with the combined Planning Board and Shade tree members will occur prior to the June 6 hearing at Town Hall on the tree removal and altering Sand Hill. A variety of issues, such as engineering responsibilities and how the design conflicts, will be resolved.

Arbor Day write up – Hope Crolius

Blue Hills Road walk through with possible 250th tree purchases. Dana and High Streets have also expressed and interest in a similar walk through. Nathan Malloy will work on distributing tree order forms on Blue Hills Rd.

The Amherst Public Shade Tree Committee requested Jon Gerber, ConCom, that the Shade Tree committee be expanded to 7 members. An e-mail will be sent to Mr. Gerber requesting such an expansion.

Adjourn: 5:22 PM

Approved at the July 14, 2009 Public Shade Tree Committee meeting.