

# **Amherst Public Shade Tree Committee**

## **Minutes 4/14/15**

Location: Town Hall Town Room.

Present: Henry Lappen, (chair), Bob Erwin, Nonny Burack, Nancy Higgins, ` Melissa Perot, Alan Snow, (Tree Warden). Also attending were Mary-Ellen Alicandri and Roger Fega both with interest in serving on the committee.

Absent: Susan Phillips.

Guests: Ann Cann (Applewood), Calvin Leyton (Eversource), Scott Merzbach, (Gazette), Mr Borowski and Vince O'Connor.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

2. Anne Cann asked to speak about Applewood Arboretum needs. In existence now for 20 years and requiring a more collaborative approach to maintenance and improvement issues and a stronger management plan in going forward.

Nonny commented on the other arboreta in town and suggested they should be included in the management plan.

Bob Erwin and Roger Fega will attend the meeting at Applewood and report back.

3. Tree Warden Report.

a) Allen announced the National Arbor day Foundation Award being hosted this year in MA by Hampshire College at the Red Barn the first week in June.

b) He had no update on tree removal payments.

c) The Pine Street hearing will require a further joint hearing with the PB on **5/6/15** since Pine St. is designated a Scenic Rd.

d) Arbor Day is **4/18/15** at Kendrick Park 8:00- 12:00am

e) The Sustainability Festival is on the Town Common **4/28/15** 10:00-4:00pm. APSTC has a table that needs staffing. Dogwood seedlings will be available. Henry will bring tent and banner. Roger and Alan will set up the Tree name/age competition.

f) Last years intern is working again and 4 sites in front of Unitarian Church have been air spaded ready for trees.

g) Tree planting has been extended another year.

h) Ready to replant trees at Town Houses in tighter clusters.

#### 4. Finalize letters

Letters to Tree Service companies, Realtors and homeowners were reviewed with one correction to **Alan Snow's contact # 413 259 3211**. The home-owner's letter will go out with water bill. Nonny will find addresses. Henry to send text to Alan and Nancy Murpy will print cards with APST logo.

#### 5. Dorie Goldman's plaque up-date: Tabled

#### 6. Poster Contest: Not this year.

7. Treasurer's Report: Bob reported we have \$8,490.76 in the account but no records of what went in and out for what. Henry said **all expenditures and deposits should be sent to the treasurer** to create complete records in the future.

8. ANTS: Nancy reported she had put up 20 posters about ANTS and had several more she asked members to post in other areas of town. Applications should be in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Nonny's neighborhood suggested.

9. Helping Alan: Nonny will knock on doors in Logtown Rd.

#### 10. Chair Report:

a) Henry reported that the SAHS planting was ready to go. Some trees had been pruned with the kids, trees are ordered for last week in April.

**Planting 4/28/15 12:00 to 2:00pm. Rain date 5/1/15**

b) 2 new requests for trees at 51 Butterfield Terr. & 37 Grantwood Dr.

c) Henry sent planting plans for Colonial Village to Pat Kamins for his review.

11. Publicity ideas: Nonny suggested a report from APSTC at the beginning of Town Meeting was usual. Henry will make a brief report on the years work. Nonny will alert Jim Pistrang, (Moderator). She also referenced all APSTC work on the TMCC bus tour as we drove by.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 for Tree hearings on Stanley St. and Pine St.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Perot