

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Held Remotely Maynard, MA 01754  
Monday, January 9, 2023 6:00 PM

**Members Present:** Lee Eyler, Danny Schissler, Steve Smith, Neil Pederson, Leslie Bryant

**Members Absent:**

**Liaison Non-voting Members Present:**

**Liaison Non-voting Members Not Present:** Justin DeMarco

**Additional Attendees:** Kate Wheeler

**I. Call Meeting to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Lee

**II. Approve Minutes of previous meeting:** December 12, 2022

- Motion to approve by Steve, seconded by Leslie
  - o All approved

**III. Current Items**

- Next steps for revising bylaw
  - o Got guidance from Justin on how to proceed
  - o Can we have a shared editing and document platform? Will reach out to Justin to see if this is possible
  
- Next steps for Planning Board regulatory review and liaison
  - o Landscaping regulations are from 2015 and likely need updating
  - o We are interested in what a liaison position would be like for one of us; how often they would attend Planning Board meetings, etc.
    - Would make a lot of sense for us to be involved with the Planning Board when we can
  - o We probably should go with a formal introduction/request from Justin DeMarco
  
- Green Meadow planting plan review
  - o Danny talked to the design team about getting us involved with the planting at the new school
  - o Justin wanted us to go through a more formal way of working with the Planning Board and the design team
  
- Brainstorming for educational efforts/grants in 2023
  - o There are urban forestry grants that we could apply for
    - Would be good to incorporate tree watering into these grants
      - Need clarification from Justin about the portable water system the town uses
      - Need to know we can water trees without having to drag hoses across streets and such
  - o Educational Efforts:
    - Have a Week of Trees around April 26<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Neil's old-growth program at The Sanctuary – some ideas below:
      - Programs that deal with the basics, like a tree planting workshop
      - Raffle off a tree with Native Trust
      - Old Growth Program
      - Arbor Day Planting

- Giving out trees associated with the week of trees or the movie & workshop (below)
  - Have a targeted walk with the Town Board and Planting Board
  - Put in signs into the tree wells to show a picture of mature trees; talk about their value to the town with the planting; their lore, ecology, etc. of each species
    - And then have a teaching walk hitting these signs
    - (Tangentially related to this: more permanent sign to help recognize the arboretum)
  - Please brainstorm about Arbor Day Planting, signs into the tree wells, having a walk
  - Steve Smith – fundraising on March 18<sup>th</sup> to show the movie “*Kiss the Ground*” at the Maynard Fine Arts theatre to plant trees in Maynard
    - Have a workshop at the Library to have a speaker to focus on the tree canopy in Maynard to talk to kids following the film; maybe target early high school students in the Green Club to get them going for a senior project
      - Develop a potential senior project for 2024 and get feedback beforehand; maybe pass it on to the scouts, too, boys & girls
- Tree City USA renewal
- Met with Julia Flanary to get access for the renewal
  - Contacting Justin to get the annual report and other materials to fill in numbers for the renewal.
  - Renewal is in process

#### **IV. New business**

- Tree Corps meeting is Monday at 5:30

#### **V. Member/public comments**

#### **VI. Adjournment.**

- Motion to adjourn: motion by Steve, seconded by Leslie.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

*UPCOMING MEETING: February 6, 2023 at 6 pm (tentative)*