

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Lee at 6pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leslie Bryant, Lee Eycler, Neil Pederson, Steve Smith and Danny Schissler.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 9 meeting was made by Danny. It was seconded by Leslie and approved.

CURRENT ITEMS:

Tree Committee By-Law development: the group discussed revisions made to the definitions section. Danny said that a meeting would take place with Justin at his office at 6pm on February 28 (alternative date March 7). Following discussion it was decided that Steve and Danny would attend the meeting. Lee will send Steve, Danny and Justin a clean copy of the 6/15/22 by-law draft after incorporating Justin's remarks to Leslie at a review meeting 7/26/22. Steve emphasized getting a basic by-law passed; it could be amended later.

Planning Board liaison: Danny drafted a letter to Chris Arsenault, PB Chair, describing what the Tree Committee hoped to do through a liaison [EXHIBIT]. It had been reviewed previously by Justin via email. A motion was made by Steve to approve the letter as written. It was seconded by Neil and approved. Lee suggested that we invite the PB to walk the downtown arboretum during our Week of Trees celebration.

Green Meadow School project landscape plan: Danny will try to get an update to see if a general contractor has been hired yet.. Apparently the project has gone out to bid.

Brainstorming for educational efforts/grants in 2023:

Urban Forestry Grant (DCR) applications are due in October. Grants are managed by Julie Coop. Danny will reach out to Julie and also clarify with Justin what limited role that the DPW might have in a project to extend the downtown arboretum with the planting of additional trees at its perimeters (Water? Storage area?). Estimated cost per tree is \$1,000. The Davey Tree Survey, now accessible through the Tree Corps, will be consulted in developing a planting plan.

Arbor Day: Neil suggested that we invite both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Steve said that we should consider planting the Arbor Day tree in front of Town Hall. If approved, there could be a planting demonstration there Friday and the ceremony on Saturday. The Tree Corps will be invited to consider a spot for planting on Friday, February 10 at 3pm. Potential tree species include fringe tree and sourwood.

Tree City USA: A motion was made by Steve to approve the cover letter to the Select Board that requests their approval signature [EXHIBIT]. It was seconded by Danny and approved. Lee will deliver the letter to the Select Board Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

Scheduling meetings and Committee membership: After March 31, all meetings must be held in person. Our March meeting will still be via zoom.

Neil reported that he will have limited ability to attend meetings in upcoming months, but that he will likely continue as an Associate Member if that is permitted. According to Justin, that should be workable. Leslie also said she would be stepping down from full membership as of June 30. MOTION to adjourn was made by Lee. It was seconded by Danny and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

UPCOMING MEETING: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (subject to change)