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Town of Maynard
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 29, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Lee at 7 pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leslie Bryant, Lee Eyster, Neil Pederson, Steve Smith and Danny Schissler.
GUESTS: Kate Wheeler and Tracy Price.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 1 meeting was made by Danny. It was seconded by Leslie and approved.

The Committee welcomed Tracy Price who lives at 22-24 Chandler Street to hear her questions about planting a Public Shade Tree there. Danny volunteered to visit her proposed site and give her suggestions about planting possibilities and potential drawbacks of planting at the site.

CURRENT ITEMS:

Tree Committee by-law development: Following discussion led by Danny, Leslie made a motion to accept all of the revisions he enumerated up to Section 7. It was seconded by Steve and approved, with the change to Section 6. A, that the Committee consist of no less than five and no more than seven voting members.

Another meeting for by-law draft review with Justin will be scheduled. Section 7, Provisions for the Management of Public Shade Trees and Town Trees, needs more work. This is probably best accomplished by working through our liaison to the Planning Board and discussing questions with Chris Arsenault about permitting processes, oversight on projects, etc. In line with that effort, Danny attended a meeting of the PB to propose establishing a liaison with the Tree Committee. He reported that the PB was very receptive, and that Chris was interested in sharing project plans as well as having Tree Committee input to a revision of the PB's landscape regulations when that project is initiated.

Grants: (Kate reported that the \$3,000 One Tree Planted grant money is in the Tree Corps bank account now.).

CDEF grant application for \$6,000: Leslie reported that Bill Nemser had reviewed it and recommended a couple of changes. It will go to the Select Board with a letter requesting the acceptance of the gift of trees as well. Steve reported that plans for excavation work and a plant list for the parking island project are coming together.

Meeting with Julie Coop (DCR) on April 28: Invitees now include Planning Board members, Justin DeMarco, and Julia Flanary, as well as Tree Committee members. Neil has agreed to lead a tour of the tree plantings on Nason and Main Streets, our urban arboretum, with support from Steve. The trees will be getting new ID tags, courtesy of Ada Woolfson, and the two empty tree wells on Main Street, that held Black Tupelo trees, will be replanted with trees purchased from Cavicchio Nurseries. Loose cobblestones in some of the wells will need to be secured or removed. We hope to use this event to discuss the potential for a matching grant from DCR, which are given out each October. Danny hopes to identify a number of spots where trees might be planted to extend our arboretum concept. Lee volunteered to do publicity for the "Week of Trees", April 22-29.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Steve. It was seconded by Leslie and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. *UPCOMING MEETING: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 (subject to change)*