

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held Remotely Maynard, MA 01754
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:30 PM

Members Present: Lee Caras, Neil Pederson, Leslie Bryant, Danny Schissler

Members Absent: Jamie Butler, Steve Smith,

Liaison Non-voting Members Absent: Justin DeMarco

Additional Attendees: Kate Wheeler

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:37 by Lee

II. Approve Minutes of previous meeting:

May 11, 2022

- Motion to approve minutes by Neil; Seconded by Leslie; and approved by all

III. Current Items:

- Updates:
 - o Downtown Arboretum Trees
 - Kate notes that the two Nyssa are re-sprouting; haven't been watered
 - Neil would like to propose to let them remain as an education topic about the resiliency regarding trees; also warning that this might not succeed
 - Danny worries that even with good growth; will have a wound, might not be a long-term viability; which is an excellent point!
 - Maybe leave one as an experiment and replace the other?
 - What is the efficacy of resprout pruning as a treatment?
 - Danny will ask at the arboretum
 - CVS Tulip-poplar has some new growth; some new growth has died back
 - It is still being watered three days per week
 - o High School redbuds
 - Steve drove by and said they looked good; only need to be watered twice a week now

- Joseph McDonald, a junior at Maynard High School, is interested in learning about the trees;
 - Will plan to assist watering this summer
- Tree Committee Bylaw draft - status
 - Lee sent a draft to Justin DeMarco
 - They hope to meet in or around mid to late July to discuss the bylaw
 - Bylaw has to pass through more than one other committee before moving forward and might have to be drafted by early August
 - Perhaps need to push back to Spring Town Meeting
 - Will we create PR materials and educate people of Maynard in advance of Town Meeting
 - We could put a high-level Q&A flyer on the importance and need for a tree by-law
 - We could set up a table in front of CVS and or the Library with pamphlets and information about a by-law
 - Re-use the trifold that we used at the Farmer's Market in 2021
- Farmers' Market
 - Our table assignment is September 3rd, Labor Day Weekend
- MA Tree Organizations Reference Guide
 - Danny added the Maynard Tree organizations into the reference guide
 - Meeting was well run and attended
 - Topic was sharing tree advocacy
 - Creating similar literature
 - Was a robust discussion about tree setback planting; is state law and is 20' setback
 - Trees can be planted with a contract with responsibility and care and cannot be taken down without permission of the tree warden and committees
 - Another meeting tomorrow of the regional tree groups

IV. New Business:

- Student representative on the Committee – status
 - Joseph McDonald wants to consider being our next student rep on the committee

V. Member/public comments

- Maynard Tree Map from Davey Tree Survey; based on Google Map
 - o Concern that common names are not available on the map?
 - The scientific names come from the conversion from the Davey Tree Survey data when working with iTree
 - People can send comments to Kate on the text provided with the link to the Maynard Tree Map
 - We could walk around and “pick up” the missing trees to add to this map, especially with townfolk of Maynard interested in trees

VI. Adjournment.

- Motion to adjourn: motion by Leslie, seconded by Lee.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

UPCOMING MEETING: July 27, 2022 (tentative)