

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Maynard, MA 01754
Wednesday, July 27, 2022 5:30 PM via zoom

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

Members Absent: Jamie Butler,

Liaison Non-voting Members Absent: Justin DeMarco

Additional Attendees: Kate Wheeler

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Lee

II. Approve Minutes of previous meeting:

- A final draft for the June 22nd meeting was not circulated, so will be tabled until next month

III. Current Items:

- By-law draft - status and next steps
 - o Leslie worked with Justin on the draft; changes discussed
 - o Notably, town trees in parks and similar settings are under the purview of the DPW, not the tree warden
 - o Historically, the Tree Warden in Maynard has a minimal role outside of the public shade trees
 - o We have learned that any land leased by the town or under an easement does not mean the town has management of the trees
 - o Justin has indicated that because we do not have an enforcement officer, it will be hard to follow up on issues like excessive pruning
 - o We wanted to move forward with tree by-laws. As Leslie's meeting with Justin was cut short, The Committee decided to send the draft by-laws to Justin to ask him to review it and make comments by August 10th
- Setback Planting Program - The committee is interested establishing a Setback Planting Program
 - o Danny learned that another town is looking to expand the program to cover more than 20 feet behind the sidewalk to almost anywhere on the property
 - o Many towns employ this type plan
- Downtown Arboretum tree replacements - planning for the fall

- Would like to give one of the Black Tupelo a shot to survive, leaving the trunk to protect it, and use the tree as an education project
 - Would be good to replace the other Black Tupelo
 - Steve will visit the nursery and choose the best stock, share with us, and we will decide
 - With the Tuliptree Steve would like to remove the cobbles, amend the soil, add perennials to cool the roots and keep the water in to try to nurture it
- Farmers' Market table planning September 3rd

IV. New Business:

V. Member/public comments

- The Committee discussed how the Municipal Master Plan identifies strategies for combating climate change, preserving tree canopy, etc. It is a part of our aims and we would like to pursue it more.

VI. Adjournment.

- Motion to adjourn: motion by Neil, seconded by Steve.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm

UPCOMING MEETING: August 27, 2022 (tentative)