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Town of Maynard
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, December 12, 2022

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Justin DeMarco (liaison)

GUEST: Orian Greene

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting was made by Leslie. It was seconded by Danny and approved.

CURRENT ITEMS:

Recap of Danny and Steve's meeting with Justin on 12/6. They reported that Justin felt the by-law draft was about 85%-90% complete. Justin emphasized that a by-law should reflect a community vision, a buy-in from other Town entities including the Planning Board and the DPW, and be mindful of their policies, procedures and capacities for additional workload. He stated that Town resources and staffing cannot be committed to any effort by the enactment of a by-law. A by-law can and should, however, create standards of accountability (e.g., for tree work by utilities). It should be concerned only with Public Shade Trees, not Town trees or trees on public school grounds. Danny, Steve and Justin agreed that further by-law development should be done by a task force outside of the regular monthly Tree Committee meetings. The meeting discussion also briefly covered the need for community education efforts and projects that could be funded by grants. Creating a liaison to the Planning Board was also considered.

ACTION ITEM: Lee will annotate the June by-law draft to incorporate comments made by Justin in his meeting with Leslie last September and will distribute it to Committee members.

ACTION ITEM: Danny will reach out to Chris Arsenault, Chair of the Planning Board, to hear his thoughts about a Tree Committee liaison and how the Committee might be able to help with an update of the 2015 Landscape Regulations.

Other agenda items were tabled until the January meeting including the following:

- looking for a student member to fill the vacancy on the Committee (and who might do a senior project through the Committee on web design, educational materials, tree mapping, etc.)
- Committee membership for next fiscal year
- Arbor Day planning
- Tree City USA renewal
- Green Meadow School Building Committee letter re landscape ideas

Motion to adjourn made by Danny. It was seconded by Steve and approved. The meeting ended at 7:17pm

UPCOMING MEETING: January 9, 2023 (subject to change)