

LONGMEADOW TREE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Feb. 22, 2018 Meeting

1. The Tree Committee meeting was opened at 6:05 pm. The following members were present: Chair Peter Bouvier, David Marinelli, Patrick Carnahan and Tree Warden Geoff McAlmond. Bari Jarvis and Wayne Ottani were absent.
2. Public Comments: visitor Andrew Fox from Lorenz Street expressed concern about a tree removed at 30 Lorenz Street without notice. The Tree Warden explained that he had determined that the tree was infested and needed to be removed as a hazardous tree, as described in the Mass. General Law Section of the Longmeadow Tree Manual. The Tree Committee thanked Mr. Fox for attending and expressing his concerns and will expedite tree replacement with an appropriate specimen.
3. Tree Wardens report: Tree Warden meeting March 13. Tree trimming to clear power lines progressing without incident.
4. Arbor Day is officially on April 27 this year. Peter suggested a tree planting ceremony at Wolf Swamp Road Elementary School. A Magnolia is being considered. Patrick will reach out to the scouts. Geoff will coordinate a date for the ceremony with the principal. Dave will contact Longmeadow Gardeners to coordinate with their ceremony.
5. Long Meddowe Days will be celebrated May 19-20, 2018. The Tree Committee will staff a booth and hand out seedlings and information. Master Gardeners will assist with staffing and public education. 100 each of Eastern Hophornbeam, Red Oak and Concolor Fir are being considered for purchase.
6. DCR grant. No word yet. Dave will contact state elected officials to advocate for us. Geoff will forward Dave a copy of the final grant request.
7. Emerald Ash borer discussion: Geoff will survey larger healthier trees for treatment, with an eye toward treating this spring.
8. Remainder of agenda deferred to the next meeting.
9. The next Tree Committee meeting will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, March 22 2017 at 31 Pondsides Road.
10. The minutes of the current meeting were reviewed, corrected as needed, and approved.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.