

LONGMEADOW TREE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the February 23, 2017 Meeting

1. The Tree Committee meeting was opened at 6:15 pm. The following members were present: Chair Peter Bouvier, Patrick Carnahan, Bari Jarvis, David Marinelli and Tree Warden Geoff McAlmond. David Dumais was absent.
2. The Department of Parks and Recreation is planning a Bliss Park cleanup on March 25 9 to noon. This will be a volunteer event.
3. Arbor Day planning. A tree will be planted at Blueberry Hill School by the Cub Scout Pack sponsored by Blueberry Hill School. The 5th grade class will be involved. Geoff will select the location and tree type. Bari will create a short speaking program and email it to Patrick for approval. Bari was excused to attend another meeting.
4. Long Meddowe Days will be celebrated May 20-21, 2017. The Tree Committee will staff a booth and hand out seedlings and information. Dave will try to get Master Gardeners to help staff it.
5. Funding Resources: Geoff reports that funding may be available from Amtrak. Peter noted that there may be money available from the Commonwealth License Plate program. Geoff will investigate.
6. Tree City application has been submitted.
7. Nicholas Brazee from UMass will be studying some of our elms for the effectiveness of injection treatment.
8. Dave Marinelli brought the concept of a town bylaw to protect large trees. This was discussed, but no decision to pursue such a bylaw was reached.
9. The next Tree Committee meeting will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, March 23rd, 2017 at 31 Pondside Road.
10. The minutes of the current meeting were reviewed, corrected as needed, and approved.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.