

LONGMEADOW TREE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the March 22, 2018 Meeting

1. The Tree Committee meeting was opened at 6:19 pm. The following members were present: Chair Peter Bouvier, David Marinelli, Patrick Carnahan and Bari Jarvis. Tree Warden Geoff McAlmond and Wayne Ottani were absent.
2. Bari Jarvis provided input relative to the Park Department needs from the Tree Committee.
3. Arbor Day is officially on April 27 this year. A tree planting ceremony at Wolf Swamp Road Elementary School is planned for April 26. A Magnolia has been purchased. Patrick will reach out to Alex Grant, who works with the Cub Scouts at Wolf Swamp. Dave has contacted the Longmeadow Gardeners, who will be giving Scarlet Oak seedlings to every 4th grade student in Town. Master Gardeners have volunteered to dip and bag trees. Bari will invite dignitaries and do press releases.
4. Bari Jarvis was excused at 6:37 pm.
5. Emerald Ash Borer. DCR and MDAR are hosting a conference on EAB on April 24. Geoff and Peter are planning to attend.
6. Tree planting was discussed. Dave will discuss with Geoff the process of applying for a 2019 DCR grant for tree planting.
7. Letter from Dr. Fox was discussed. Clarification of the Tree Manual is planned.
8. 8 trees are slated for removal on Roseland Terrace. Two citizens objected to the removal of 3 of the trees. An arborist report is planned.
9. 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 Eastern Hophornbeam, 50 Red Oak, 50 Scarlet Oak, 50 Honeylocust and 50 Concolor Fir are being considered for purchase. Peter and David will work on developing a form for citizens who wish to plant a tree on the tree belt.
10. DCR grant. No word yet. Dave received and forwarded a letter from Senator Lesser. He will follow up with the DCR.
11. The next Tree Committee meeting will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 31 Pondsides Road.
12. The minutes of the current meeting were reviewed, corrected as needed, and approved.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.