

Longmeadow Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m.
Longmeadow Fire Station Meeting Room

The Tree Committee meeting was opened at 6:15pm. The following members were present: Chair/Tree Warden David Marinelli, Steve Steiner, Patrick Carnahan and Wayne Ottani. Absent were Mark Tolosky and Bari Jarvis. Visitor was Kathryn Kucab.

Public comments and discussion: None

Tree Warden Report: 38 street trees have been planted to date by volunteers. 16 more will be planted next week by Amherst Nurseries. Another 24 trees need to be sourced and planted. At that point, the backlog of tree planting requests will be satisfied to last October.

Tree removal funds have been depleted for this fiscal year, though hazard trees are still being identified and removed.

Old Business: Tomorrow is Arbor Day and 3 trees will be planted at Center School in honor of Arbor Day.

Long Meddowe Days (May 18th and 19th) Planning continues. Four species of tree saplings will be passed out during Long Meddowe Days. The trees will be prepared and distributed by Master Gardener volunteers.

Emerald Ash Borer treatment contract has been awarded to Northern Tree. 40 Ash trees have been identified as in need of treatment and will receive treatment by basal trunk injection during the spring.

New Business: Dave completed Commonwealth of Massachusetts Arborist certification. Congratulations Dave.

Discussion regarding, “Longmeadow priorities for shade tree work” proposals. Modifications were recommended and voted upon and passed.

Discussion regarding a policy pertaining to public shade trees and sidewalk maintenance/care. This policy was requested by the Town Manager. Discussion continues.

The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Set next meeting date: 05/23/2019

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Patrick Carnahan, Recorder

The purpose of the Tree Committee is to promote a healthy and sustainable community forest by planting and maintaining quality trees and providing education and advocacy to the public on the benefits of trees.