

## LONGMEADOW TREE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the May 31, 2018 Meeting

1. The Tree Committee meeting was opened at 6:05 pm. The following members were present: Chair Peter Bouvier, Patrick Carnahan, David Marinelli, and Tree Warden Geoff McAlmond. Wayne Ottani and Bari Jarvis were absent. Andrew Fox from 29 Lorenz Street attended as visitor.
2. Public comments: Dr. Fox expressed gratitude for the Tree Warden's offer to replace a removed white pine with a hemlock. He expressed continued concerns about his neighbor's driving on the lawn adjacent to the removed tree and how this will impact tree replacement. Dr. Fox submitted pictures and a written statement (attached).
3. Tree planting was discussed. Fall planting is planned.
4. Long Meddowe Days was a success. About 200 trees were distributed. Remaining trees have been potted and are available to Town residents on request.
5. The next Tree Committee meeting will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 31 Pondsides Road.
6. The minutes of the current meeting were reviewed, corrected as needed, and approved.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

David Marinelli  
Secretary

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May 14, 2018

To: Longmeadow Tree Committee  
From: Andrew Fox  
29 Lorenz Street  
Longmeadow, MA 01106  
Re: Lorenz Street tree re-planting

Dear Tree Committee,

My wife and I are appreciative of the committee's expressed willingness to replace the previously discussed tree that was removed on Lorenz Street and look forward to it being done as soon as possible.

We are willing to be good stewards and caretakers of the tree, but are concerned about several things regarding it.

As mentioned previously, the original tree did much to block our homes view from two blighted properties across the way, so the location of the replacement tree is important so that it does the same. Several existing factors seem to possibly cause issues with that placement so we wanted to bring those to the committee's attention before the replacement tree is planted in possibly the wrong spot.

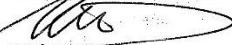
1. The old trees stump has yet to be removed.
2. In violation of Article 5, chapter 500, section 5-206 on page 21 of the town's Tree Manual which states that a person shall not drive a vehicle on the turf or grass covered area that adjoins the paved public way: the occupants of the "rental" property at 194 Bliss Road continually use the area where this new tree is to be placed as a make-shift alternative driveway, and the occupant of 30 Lorenz Street does the same in addition to storing commercial vehicles and equipment on this area of the town's tree belt as well.

Clearly these issues need to be addressed and resolved immediately so that the soon to be replaced tree has a reasonable chance of survival.

My wife and I have brought these concerns to both the Building Commissioner and the Town Manager but either no action has been taken or the action, if any, has yielded no result.

Hopefully this board can address these other town officials as well regarding this situation or perhaps even better, if the town Tree Warden has authority himself to enforce the regulation.

Thank you,



Andrew Fox

