

# Longmeadow Tree Committee

## Minutes of the July 19, 2018 Meeting

1. The Tree Committee meeting was opened at 6:00pm.  
The following members were present: Chair David Marinelli, Tree Warden Jason Scott, Bari Jarvis and Mark Tolosky  
Patrick Carnahan and Wayne Ottani were absent.
2. Public comments: None
3. Tree Warden's report: Jason Scott began July 1, 2018. Jason shared there is a large amount of requests from residents (33 requests in the last 19 days for pruning and 28 requests for tree removals.) Possible discussion with town leaders to increase future forestry budget was discussed. Planting requests have also come in from residents. A future goal is to provide this committee with more and frequent communication.
4. Old business: Plan for tree planting on the Green- Chair Marinelli and Jason Scott are working together to complete the DCR grant. The suggested tree selections were shared with the committee. The timeline goal is fall of 2018.
5. New business: a plan is needed for pruning the dead wood at the high school. Chair Marinelli volunteered to donate his time to conduct this effort.  
  
Dutch Elm disease has affected many trees in town; but not all. Educational literature was distributed. To keep the existing elm trees healthy, the dead trees need to be removed. The elm tree inventory was reviewed by the committee.
6. Tree City USA designation status was discussed.
7. The next Tree Committee meeting will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 31 Pondsides Road.
8. Announcements: DCR Tree Steward Training is in Harvard Forest, Petersham on October 12-13, 2018
9. The minutes of the current meeting were reviewed, corrected as needed, and approved unanimously.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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.