

# Longmeadow Tree Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6 p.m.  
DPW office, 31 Pondsides Road

The Tree Committee meeting was opened at 6:02pm. The following members were present: Chair/Tree Warden David Marinelli, Steve Steiner, Patrick Carnahan and Mark Tolosky. Absent were Wayne Ottani and Bari Jarvis.

**Public comments and discussion:** None

**Tree Warden Report:** Weekend of November 17/18, tree planting at Bliss Park, Longmeadow Green, and a various street sites throughout town. 60 trees recently purchased, most in burlap, some in grow-bags or containers. 13 trees going into Bliss Park as part of a CPC grant. Volunteers will be recruited to assist, should DPW workers not be available.

Hearings for declining trees were held this week. No objections were made, so trees will be removed.

Commonwealth Ethics Commission agreed Dave Marinelli could serve as Tree Committee Chairperson and Town Tree Warden. He registered as a “special municipal employee” with the Town Clerk because of his continued part time employment as a tutor for Longmeadow schools.

If residents desire tree removal/tree pruning, Tree Warden has discretion to grant permission to have resident privately contract for work. This is on a case by case basis.

**Old Business:** As previously mentioned, plans are moving forward on tree plantings throughout town.

Plaques found which recognize individuals who have been memorialized by a donated tree. Plaques will be hung at the Community House after updating.

**New Business:** Discussion about filling the open seat on Tree Committee. One name floated but person would have to apply for consideration.

The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Set next meeting date: 12/20/2018

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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.