

Longmeadow Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 21, 2022
Remote Meeting

The Tree Committee meeting was held remotely via Zoom. The meeting opened at 6:00 PM. The following members were present: Chair Dave Marinelli, Mark Tolosky, and Kathy Kucab. Patrick Carnahan, Steve Steiner and Tree Warden Steve Guzzo were not present. Bari Jarvis attempted to join but was prevented by technical issues. Lou Kornet attended as a member of the public.

Public Comments: Lou Kornet praised committee members for participating in Longmeadow's Earth Day cleanup.

March minutes already approved.

Old Business: Arbor Day planning – 300 Canaan Fir seedlings were received today and will be distributed to at least 5 of the 6 Longmeadow schools with 4th grade students. Lubavitcher Yeshiva Academy has not yet set a date. Dave will send a spreadsheet to the Committee; members are welcome to attend and help distribute seedlings. A London Planetree will be planted on the Green at the request of Center School. Planting Ceremony to begin at 11:00 on Friday April 29.

Ash tree treatment for the Emerald Ash Borer is planned for late spring 2022.

Work has begun on the Johnny Appleseed Memorial apple orchard at the Community Garden.

New Business:

Eversource requested permission to remove 25 trees on Dwight Road, Laurel Street and Shaker Road. The public hearings originally scheduled for April 7 were rescheduled to April 28.

Dave reported that the tree trimming and removal contract is expiring this calendar year and there was a legal notice today requesting bids.

Read and Correct Minutes: Not done. Draft minutes will be distributed.

Set Next Meeting Date/Time: Next meeting will be **Monday** May 16, 2022 at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
David Marinelli

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.