

Tree Task Force Agenda
6:00 p.m., Freeport Town Hall Conference Room
March 3, 2022
(Attendees, Please Wear a Mask)

Guest Speaker (20 minutes): Earl Gibson, Superintendent of Freeport Public Works

Reports (25 minutes):

Marc: Contact with Kim Ballard of Project Canopy/what resources are available/recommended;

Feedback from town engineer Adam Bliss -

Theresa: Summary of tree ordinances in surrounding communities -

Tyler : Research regarding the same communities' tree warden staffing -

Eric: Explain designation of "Tree City" -

Kristen: Share information from Lucy Birkett, Co-leader of Freeport Climate Action Now -

"The Lands & Waters action group is just forming, in process of narrowing a rather wide and vast wish list to 2-3 community-based actions to put some energy into. Here's a link to the website (needs updating).

<https://www.freeportcan.org/> . Planning monthly meetings (zoom for now, hope to switch to in person soon) and more frequent sub-group meetings. Some of our topics of interest have the potential to dovetail with efforts by the Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board, possibly some also with Tree Task Force, Freeport Conservation Trust, and others.

General guiding principles of L&W group are '***Lands & Waters: Fostering resiliency in the face of climate change. How we care for the land in which we live and work is an essential component to meeting the climate emergency and the biodiversity crisis. The Lands & Waters group wishes to invite community members to join together to discuss and explore practices we can do, beginning with our own yards and public spaces, to nurture and strengthen our ecosystems. Collectively we will decide which directions to take, including how to connect with the larger community. Prioritizing and strategizing together will be important, as well as nurturing a culture of inclusion and keeping strong interconnections and interplay among community groups.***' "

Discuss future guest speakers (10 minutes):

Kim Ballard in April?

Lucy Birkett in May? Has studied ecological/resilient design, urban tree planting, management in the build environment; has accessed Ecological Landscape Alliance, Wild Seed Project, Native Plant Trust, and Coastal Maine Botanical Garden

Next Steps (10 minutes):

? Draft a letter from TTF to TC promoting funding in 2022-'23 municipal budget, for a Sustainability Coordinator

? Liaison to Downtown Visioning process

? Monitor land development projects along Route One corridor for potential tree canopy expansion