

## Tree Task Force Minutes

September 8, 2022

6:30

Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Marc, Kristen, Susan, Tyler Excused: Eric Horne

### **Informational Exchange** (40 minutes)

Peter Joseph (reported separately to Kristen) - Has looked through our ordinance draft with Earl Gibson, suggests that the wording of Notification for Tree Removal is too specific. A physical posting on the tree would be a better way to inform interested parties. The next step is for town attorney to look through it to ensure there is no conflict with State Tree Laws especially regarding boundary trees and drip line perimeter interfering with setbacks.

-The adoption process: Lawyer > Ordinance Committee > Notice of Public Hearing > Public Hearing > TC adoption

-Requested that our Public Tree Program Draft be sent to him and TC chairs

-Town Hall lawn 'water garden' - one of the birches may be removed due to previous disease damage and position. Adam Bliss would welcome advice from Susan regarding specific shrubs/plantings that would be fitting for the garden's environment.

Tyler Kolle - Summary of the 8/17 Project Review meeting he attended, regarding Mill and Depot Streets housing projects.

Mill St. project was tabled.

Route One north - condos. Good opportunity to suggest protecting existing significant trees. (Susan would consider meeting with Caroline to find out if/how to regulate the impact to tree canopy by development projects. even on private property).

Depot Street - Mostly cosmetic architectural changes discussed. Rooftop garden came up, but maintenance costs are a hindrance. Is there existing ordinance that would mandate public tree replacement; there are several existing trees which will be removed/damaged during construction.

Susan Cherbuliez - Wild Seed Project regarding municipal collaboration initiative. Anna Fialkoff, Ecological Program Manager at Wild Seed Project, visited Susan's native garden. WSP has recently worked with Maine Beer Co. along their route 1 frontage to return lawn to "meadow"... continuation

of this along other sections of Rte. 1 public right-of-ways may be a good jumpstart for the municipal collaboration. Susan shared the concept of a Miyawaki Forest, like the one in Cambridge MA.

**Task Distribution** (15 minutes) Volunteers to make contact with the following :

Rebecca Rundquist >Yarmouth Tree Board ~ Susan

Adam Bliss, Town Engineer > Tree Canopy Inventory maintenance ~ Marc

Carey Goltz, BFI Rte 1 / commercial building ~ Tyler

David & Abby Latuillippe- C. J. Developers > Tree Preservation / Replacement / Planting around site of Depot Street condominium development ~ Kristen

Caroline Pelletier > map of land ownership, especially parking lots ~Susan

Volunteers to monitor work of the following town groups:  
Complete Streets Committee ~ Tyler

Project Review Board ~ Eric

**Tree Program Development** (30 minutes)

Reviewed and made final edits to Marc's draft - Kristen will clean up revisions and distribute for one more pass by TTF members; then on to TC Chairs.

**Next Meeting** (5 minutes)

Confirmed attendance availability of those present for date of 10/6

**Next Steps** Each member has their task assignments to follow up on for reporting next meeting.

Recorded by Kristen Dorsey