

Tree Task Force Agenda
October 6, 2022
6:30
Town Hall Conference Room

Attendance: Susan Cherbuliez, Kristen Dorsey, Eric Horne, Marc Miller, Tyler Kolle
Informational Exchange (20 minutes) - individual members report out regarding the contacts /new information gathered:

Rebecca Rundquist >Yarmouth Tree Board ~ **Susan:** emails were not returned. Eric suggested contacting Yarmouth town engineer who has worked on Beth Condon walk way.

Adam Bliss, Town Engineer > Tree Canopy Inventory maintenance ~ **Marc:** Adam feels they do not have the staffing capacity to cover the inventory maintenance. Marc contacted Kym Ballard again for advice - has not heard back. Perhaps get a grant to fund intern/student to maintain data.

Lengthy discussion about the challenges of long-term coordination in designing and engineering the planting landscapes around town given all the moving parts : Downtown Vision, Climate Action Plan/ GPCOG Resiliency Partnership Committee work/ Complete Streets workings, etc. Our group needs to monitor and reach out to other committees, make our presence known.

Carey Goltz, BFI Rte 1 / commercial building ~ **Tyler :** Spoke with Vaughn, a coworker at Design Concepts and they are hoping to green up the property. Good Fire property next door has a nice green landscape in the works.

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

The site construction is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2023 ; the developers are aware that a tree committee exists and that the trees along the boundary are on town property, and plan to work with the town "on getting permission from the town to either upgrade the trees or replace because he (developer) wants street trees as well..." Probably will get resolved through the Fall as they plan construction to take place in the Spring of 2023. We need to be watching this.

Caroline Pelletier > map of land ownership, especially parking lots ~**Susan:** Must go by parcel > tax assessor maps. Eric will help with that.

Town still in RFP process to update Comprehensive Plan. Caroline is open to zoning recommendations - let's put this on our 2023 task list.

Complete Streets Committee ~ **Tyler:** will try to attend meetings (7:30 a.m.!))

Kristen updated with information from recent FSAB meeting: A Downtown Vision Committee priority goal brought by FSAB is "Reduce vehicle miles travelled". Therefore, multi use paths and traffic calming measures will necessarily be an aspect of achieving walkable/bike-able routes into town; such may include bump-outs/medians/islands that

include plantings - so FSAB/TTF will be working in conjunction with Complete Streets throughout the downtown transformation process.

Project Review Board ~ **Eric:** will monitor going forward; Susan has been effectively doing this, also.

Tabled: Develop '22-'23 Goals/Action Plan**

zoning regulations

Project Review requirements for plantings

Select spots that are unlikely to be in the crosshairs of Downtown Vision development, for demonstration projects of "vat" plantings

Select a few high-visibility planting locations and specific species/varieties to present to Earl

**Kristen will re-forward to this group, the list of potential sites we created during the August meeting

Confirm next meeting date: November 3

Adjourned at 8:15