

Town of Amherst  
Amherst Public Shade Tree Committee  
April 8, 2014

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Location: Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

Attendees: Bob Erwin, Melissa Perot, Nonny Burack, Susan Philips, Henry Lappen, Nancy Higgins, Michael Hutton-Woodland

Town of Amherst: Alan Snow, Chris Brestrup, Dave Ziomak

Guests: Dennis Ryan, Scott Merzbach, Dave Williams, Tom Lynn

Agenda

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM by Henry Lappen

Approval of March minutes – Minutes are approved as corrected.

Kendrick Place – Henry offers to hear from Dave Williams (guest) presenting plans and drawings in the development Kendrick Place, across from Kendrick Park, corner of North Pleasant and Triangle Street. It is a mixed apartments and commercial on the ground floor. 2 trees to be removed – 36 inch maple and 12 inch maple. Plan for 7 trees along Triangle Street and 4 in pots along Pleasant Street. Alan having a Tree Removal Hearing Tuesday April 15 at 5:00 PM in Town Hall. Planning Board hearing Wednesday April 16 at 7:05 pm. Vote on 12 inch tree: 5 in favor of removal; 2 opposed. 36 inch tree removal: 1 in favor; 4 against; 2 abstaining for removal.

Tree Warden's Report (Alan Snow)

- Tree Planting project – Having trouble to find seasonal workers. Scheduled to start planting in April 15<sup>th</sup>. Highway crew will begin helping. Still have two interns from last year.
- Earth Day / Sustainability Festival – what we plan on doing for Sustainability Festival – Alan demonstrating Tree Pruning. Other plans to be determined.
- Arbor Day – Alan has various demonstrations planned. Committee can help with tree planting April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at East Street Common. Rain cancels.
- Tree Planting hanger – Alan shows the door hanger around. Used for times when Alan's crew is planning a tree planting.

Chair's Segment

- Committee Members Tasks
- North Common - Good turn out of group at the hearing. Site visit wants to save all but three trees which are deemed unhealthy. Four

Committee members attended. A Community mulching projects – Alan will set it up.

- Pine Street – Melissa reports on Pine Street not planning to remove any more trees. Will be discussing at Public Works Committee in May (1 or 8). Melissa and /or Michael will attend.
- Maple Tree Tapping Policy – Amherst Tree Warden doesn't have tapping policy. Dennis Ryan will review other Towns' policies at Massachusetts Tree Wardens' meeting.; possibly to develop a policy. Conservation Commission has a policy to review activities on conservation land.
- We now have a logo designed by Nancy Haver. She donated her time to design it. Henry will have a banner and rubber stamp made.

Treasurer's Report - \$9442.03 still in the account. Bob will call Alan to find out if any money's get donated through tree replacement fund. New form now states that money needs to be put into replacement fund before any trees taken out.

Tree Species Request Lists – Dave Ziomek notes that we can find names of property owners on town website

2014 Tree Plantings – First Saturday in North Amherst, along the old School site in North Amherst. Idea to plant in ball field is not recommended. Alan will site and press release May 3<sup>rd</sup> North Amherst 9:00 AM. Bob and Melissa will conduct drive tour for future plantings.

Sustainability Festival – APSTC has a table, near Garden Club of Amherst table. Dangerous critters, Arbor Day Foundation flyers, ANTS Application and information available. Alan can get 50 seedlings to give away. Nonny will bring clothesline. Tabling: (9:30) 10 – noon: Henry, Nonny; noon – 2 PM: Melissa (?); 2PM – 4PM: Susan

Poster Contest – Will know next week.

Webinars (Susan) – Susan will call Alan about it.

By Laws changes – Alan will send to committee.

ANTS Project – 10 copies of Flyers – putting up flyers. Looking to get response by June 1. Henry will assist in getting the word out. Letter to the Editor for Bulletin will be sent out by Michael.

Downtown Tree Planters – Some movement with the BID.

Other Items not anticipated by the Chair

Nonny found out about markers for Bill Hutchinson's memorial. Prices ranged around \$200 for a granite plaque (cost per letter). Nonny puts forward motion for the money.

Bill Hutchinson 19xx – 20xx (29 letters)

Public Shade Tree Committee Founder (35 letters)

We will also review a plaque for Hope Crolius. All in favor.

Review of old items:

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael S. Hutton-Woodland*