

Amherst Public Shade Tree Committee

Minutes 6/9/15

Location: Town Hall Town Room.

Present: Henry Lappen, (chair), Bob Erwin, Nonny Burack, Nancy Higgins, Melissa Perot, Alan Snow, (Tree Warden), and Roger Fega. Scott Merzbach from the Gazette visiting.

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

1. **Minutes** of 5/12/15 approved.

2. **Members:**

The Select Board has approved Roger Fega as a new member to the APST committee.

Henry requested Bob and Nancy submit requests to the Select Board to renew their memberships for another 3 years.

3. **Tree Warden Report.**

Alan reported that the two trees on East Pleasant St. opposite Kendrick Park will not need to be removed after all.

8 trees donated by Hadley Gdn center have been planted at Mill River Recreation Center.

10 trees were planted at Crocker Farm School by APSTC.

5 trees were planted on Valley Lane Circle.

Alan and Henry and Nonny attended Tree City USA at the Red Barn at Hampshire College, which they found to be a good location and an interesting meeting. Alan made a presentation about the work in Amherst.

Alan attended the Western Mass Tree Warden Meeting at the Blue Bonnet Diner in Northampton. 20 some tree wardens and tree companies attended to share information about urban forestry.

4. **Chair report**

Following Henry's initial talk at the Tree City USA conference, Henry was asked to speak to several other local groups about APSTC creating opportunities for publicity.

Farmers Market Booth. We can choose a date. Possibly Aug 15th, Sept 16th or later. Henry responded to Nonny's request for clarification as to what was needed by way of 'materials'.

Tree planting will likely be extended another year. Tree requests from the website included 4 in April, 5 in May and 4 in June thus far. Bob offered to revive his 'stump patrol'

5. Dorie's Tree

Nonny reported that she had been unable to reach the contact person. Henry reported that Amherst Nursery had not reserved a Turkish Hazlenut tree as requested.

6. ANTS

Nancy reported that the June deadline had passed for sign up. Henry suggested it be extended to August 1st with notification in the paper. A number of follow up locations were suggested.

7. First Saturday Plantings

July 11th Route 9 or Pond View.

No August planting

Sept - Middle St, Plum Springs, or Evening Star.

8. Lists of Realtors and Tree Companies

Nonny reported she had made progress with tree companies but too many realtors to be practical. Henry will e-mail insert to Alan again for inclusion with water bill.

9. Other Business

Roger reported he had attended an interesting event/talk by Tom Wessels at Bug Hill in Ashville.

Nonny suggested the formation of Friends of Amherst Arboretae and liason with Conservation Committee. Applewood, Middle School and UMass campus are the only arboreta in the town. Alan reported that there is a UMass campus tree walk open to all and the Waugh Arboretum committee meets on campus. (Laura Sinkwich 545 3856)

Henry gave notes taken this month at Kendrick Park site visit to Alan. He also noted there might be good tree planting places in private parking lots as near Bertucci's.

Nonny commented on pruning lesson given to her by Alan at tree planting and requested an encore for the committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 **Next meeting July 14th at 4:00pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Perot