

Yarmouth Tree Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Feb 8, 2023, 12-1pm ET

Location: YCS

Attendance: Karyn MacNeill, Lisa Small, Susan Prescott, Rebecca Rundquist, Scott Couture, Lisa Wilson, Steve Ryan, Michael Brandimarte

1. Call meeting to order
2. Committee vote to accept meeting minutes from last meeting
 1. Steve was not present at last meeting
 2. Lisa S made motion, Susan made second, no comments and passed by majority vote
3. Annual report contribution: Blurb: approximately 1-2 paragraphs or up to ½ page
 1. Mike to draft and send to team for comments/edits
 2. Team send mike pics
 3. Charge, what we've done, tree warden, EAB treatment, rep in planning board, preferred tree list
4. Vote on the tree protection guidance
 1. Along with preferred tree list, tree protection guidance will be shared with Erin Z. of planning board and can be used as guidance for dev projects
 2. Team approved to move forward to accept tree protection guidance
5. Freeport Tree committee
 1. Rebecca met with team in freeport and learned that they have drafted a Tree Ordinance
 2. They are initially targeting street trees
6. Current Business
 1. Arbor Day: Help Needed?
 1. Karyn reached out to schools to coordinate time with Rowe, K-1 (not preK due to half day schedule)
 2. Planning tree Tshirt, design contest, looking for ideas for the question to help guide them in creating the piece of art for the Tshirts
 3. Need to determine the date. Tree committee members are welcome to join. 5/19 is the target date. Karyn went to TC to accept the proclamation to go ahead with Arbor Day and will vote at next TC meeting.
 4. YTAC members that want to get more involved reach out to Scott or Karyn.
 2. BTM Project: Help Needed?
 1. Scott has one company that has provided a price. Focusing on high traffic areas for possible treatment. Scott requests any trees with nests be reported to him.
 2. Lisa W. has been surveying hot spots. Bad areas near town landing and bayview street, but on private property. Princess point looks like there is minimal impact.
 3. Tonight, 2/8, at 630pm online via Zoom entomologist talking about BTM. Posted on Frank Knight Foundation feed.
 3. [Royal River Park Riverbank Rewilding Project Proposal](#)
 4. [Ordinance Project planning](#)
7. Other Business
 1. Schedule YTAC Annual Work Plan presentation to Town Council
 1. Lisa S to send mike a copy of the Parks and Lands committee workplan
 2. Project Canopy grant application: Help Needed?

1. Deadline is March 22 by 5pm.
2. Elm tree treatment has increased by 4x and lasts 3 years.

8. Adjourn meeting