

Yarmouth Tree Committee Agendas/Note

Meeting: March 27, 2023, 12-1pm ET

Location: YCS

Attendance: Karyn, Aaron, Lisa S, Scott, Steve, Lisa W, Mike

1. Call meeting to order at 12:01pm
2. Committee vote to accept meeting minutes from last meeting
 1. Quorum not present at meeting and will have to vote at the next meeting
3. Current Business
 1. Arbor Day: Update
 1. Scheduled for 5/19.
 2. Ordered 225 saplings from the State of Maine
 3. Tree planting planned for 5/19 at Rowe School near playground
 2. BTM Project: Update?
 1. Scott is maintaining list and adding locations as they come in
 2. Scott researched opportunity to use drones for removing BTM nests in canopy and has not found a company that offer a drone service
 3. Public notice will go out to private property owners with opt out option.
 3. [Royal River Park Riverbank Rewilding Project Proposal - Update?](#)
 1. Meeting scheduled with Regina Leonard (landscape architect for Royal River Park renovation) and environmental consultant Erik Lima (Environmental Consultant) was rescheduled due to the snow storm two weeks ago. Current meeting scheduled for 3/29/2023 and Erik Donohoe from YCS will be present.
 4. YTAC Annual Work Plan presentation to Town Council
 1. Rebecca, Susan, and Mike presented 2022 accomplishments and plans for 2023
 2. There was no direct feedback on general plans and projects for 2023
 3. [Ordinance Project planning - Update?](#)
 1. The TC and Nat suggested we analyze the current state of the tree related ordinances contained in existing documents. Part of the analysis should articulate the problem with the existing language and possible solution options
 2. The team believes it is important to involve the town employees that will be responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of existing and possible solutions.
 3. Karyn suggested moving Rebecca's Ordinance analysis to a shared google doc so that multiple people can help work on the Tree Ordinance project.
4. Other Business
 1. Project Canopy grant application:
 1. Submitted to State of Maine
 2. Target is ~37 trees to be planted around town on public lands or setbacks/right of ways
 3. All trees have been selected as part of the application process
 2. Recommendation for Students to join committee.
 1. Scott was at career day at YHS last week and spoke with students at the Roots & Shoots club.
 3. General project planning discussion
 1. Scott mentioned beginning to take on a project of updating the GIS system and establishing a process for ongoing maintenance. Mike discussed the possibility of breaking down the tree inventory so that annual cycle counts can be made to keep the system current. More discussions necessary to determine the best next steps
 2. Steve R. discussed the possibility of creating a team project calendar that can be reviewed for ~5 minutes during each meeting so that the team is aware of upcoming deliverables/projects.
5. Adjourn meeting at 12:52pm