

Yarmouth Tree Committee Agendas/Note

Meeting: April 24, 2023, 12-1pm ET

Location: YCS

Attendance: Maryanne S., Rebecca R. (A), David C., Scott C. (A), Steve R. (A), Mike B., Lisa S, Lisa W., Aaron (A), Erik Donohoe, Susan P. (A)

- 1) Call meeting to order at 12:12 pm
- 2) Committee vote to accept meeting minutes from last meeting.
  - a) Quorum present and approved meeting minutes from previous three meetings.
  - b) Motion to change meeting frequency from 2x per month to 1x per month. Consider evening meeting option for meeting timing.
  - c) Take attendance and designate members vs. guest. Create attendance table going forward.
  - d) Consider 1.5 hour meeting if we reduce the frequency to 1x per month.
- 3) Current Business
  - a) Planning Board Team: Updates
    - i) There have not been any recent requests for comment from the PB team.
  - b) Arbor Day: Updates
    - i) Schedule: There will be various stations.
    - ii) Maryanne brought an example of the T-Shirt.
  - c) BTM Project: Updates – No update
  - d) [Royal River Park Riverbank Rewilding Project Proposal - Update?](#)
    - i) Plan to send plan to others that can vet the final plan; specifically, around seedling quantity/selection. Josh Royte and Erik Lima will advise about the project. Lisa S. will engage Wild Seed Project on rewilding project and understand if it makes sense for them to consult on the project.
    - ii) David and Lisa S. recommend to bring various groups together that are working on similar efforts; e.g. rewilding projects driven by Climate Action Task Force (YCATF), YTAC, and possibly Parks and Lands Committee
    - iii) YCATF is planning a meeting in Royal River Park (East Elm St) on May 13th, 10-12p. Meet and greet meeting. Lisa S. to reach out to YCATF team and explore synergy opportunities.
    - iv) UU Church has a group that is interested in learning more about invasives and rewilding project. Lisa W. will identify the proper contact for discussing opportunity further.
  - e) Community Garden
    - i) There are a number of trees that are shading one row of plots in the community garden and were removed from production. Community garden does a lot of work for the community and provide food to local food bank.
    - ii) Removal and Replacement plan at the south end of the project. YTAC is concerned that the removal of the currently marked trees will NOT solve the problem of the shaded areas.
    - iii) Lisa S. and Rebecca will draft a letter to Karyn M. at YCS about recommendation to find alternate solutions to removing the trees.
  - f) [Ordinance Project planning - Update?](#)
- 4) Other Business
  - a) High School Integration:
    - i) Rebecca has had discussions with High School team. Team is proposing to get involved with the May 19th Arbor Day. High School students have the idea of planting the “Class Tree” at the Rowe school. Ella (student) wrote an email to Karyn with proposal.
  - b) General project planning discussion
  - c) Upcoming Deliverables/Projects
- 5) Adjourn meeting at 1:06pm