

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

Location: YCS

Attendance: Karyn, Lisa S., Scott, Aaron, Susan, Mike, Rebecca

1. Call meeting to order
2. Committee vote to accept meeting minutes from last meeting
 1. Minutes approved
3. Current Business
 1. Arbor Day: Update?
 1. Narrowed it down to five drawings for the Tshirt
 2. Team voted on shirt options
 3. Looking at the possibility of using tree planting at the library
 4. Date is 5/19 currently for the Arbor Day event
 2. BTM Project: Update?
 1. Tree Warden has updated list from inputs from the community
 2. Tree Warden to investigate option to use drone to clip nests from higher canopies via the forestry service
 3. Rebecca to contact the Forecaster about publishing an article about BTM and the season to start clipping nests
 3. [Royal River Park Riverbank Rewilding Project Proposal - Update?](#)
 1. Steve/Mike met with Regina Leonard and agreed to do an in-person survey of the area as part of the Pilot project
 2. Scheduled a walkthrough for 3/14 with project team and understand scope to develop a plan.
 4. [Ordinance Project planning - Update?](#)
 1. Rebecca has had several conversations with individuals familiar with creating Tree Ordinances
 2. Susan has a copy of the draft Tree Ordinance from South Portland.
 3. Need to Check in with the Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES) and Climate Action Task Force (tasked to get emissions to zero). Rebecca to reach out to committees and get on their agendas.
 4. Rebecca R. will identify a template Tree Ordinance that YTAC can use as a template to customize for Yarmouth's needs/requirements
4. Other Business
 1. YTAC Annual Work Plan presentation to Town Council
 1. YTAC meeting with town council on 3/23
 2. Mike to draft doc for team to present to Town Council
 1. Current State, Future state, Threats, development
 2. Can tree assets be quantified?
 3. Salt use for Snow mitigation
 2. Project Canopy grant application: Help Needed?
 1. Tree Warden requested a letter of support from YTAC team
 3. Recommendation for Students to join committee.
 4. YTAC related budget via town/YCS
 1. Vehicle being utilized with a water tank for watering trees. Not tapping any new funds to purchase a new vehicle.
 2. TIF funding has given YCS \$15k for plantings and planning another \$15k for 2023. These funds are used for plantings and trimming.
 3. 2023: Overall budget is ~\$70k includes salaries, removals, plantings.
 4. 2024: YCS requested ~\$75k budget for next year

5. Tree Fund is separate from the town's budget for trees. Started when Herbie came down. Requests required to Town Council to spend funds and has to be used for public benefit. YCS manages the "account".
6. Project Canopy grant will fund the purchase the 30 trees planned for 2023 plantings.
5. Blake Skating Pond plantings
 1. 5 hackberry trees planned for the skating pond are probably not good fits for this location.
5. Adjourn meeting