

🌳 Woodstock Tree Committee

August 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Comeau Meeting Room

Attending: Michael Vietch, Carol March, Gay Leonhardt, Achva Stein

-Discussion of Tree Law updates. Committee agreed unanimously to accept changes made by Gay. Michael will request a date to present it to the Town Board.

-Carol gave a report of her experience of attending the town volunteer committees meeting with the town supervisor. Meetings are convening monthly on Monday afternoons. Other committees include Comeau stewardship, Historical Society, Cemetery Committee, Civic Design, Ethics Board & Planning Board.

-Fall tree planting plans- Cindy will check on area near Chamber of Commerce Building where the tree is near its end, Carol will check with the DOT to see if Village Green is included in the 2025 sidewalk plan. The cemetery along the side of Andy Lee Field by the playground is definitely in need of a few trees.

-Discussion of the proposed 2025 sidewalk project- Questions for the DOT : Are they required/will they be using structurally engineered soil for tree pits in town center? Will they be paying for any trees to be planted/ paying for some amount of replacement trees that they have to take down? Achva said she would reach out to the DOT.

-Gay & Michael will both be tabling at the Woodstock Volunteers Picnic for Tree Committee & Pollinator Pathway groups.

-Gay asked if anyone would like to take on creating a "contract" that we could give to any property owner who is receiving a tree planted by the tree committee. Carol volunteered to give it a go.

-Gay brought up the perennial problem of getting more volunteers- Cindy suggested sign up sheets at any and all of the events we have, and mentioning it in every bit of publicity we get. White Feather Farm on Rte 212 was recommended as a great resource.

-Registering Elm tree - Cindy will follow through with putting the Elm by the youth center on the official Elm tree registry - Gay asked to include the other one on Tinker st.

-New owner of Bradley Meadows shopping center is Mr. Perl. Gay is going to reach out to him regarding having some tree pruning done.

-Achva is still interested in researching grants to make some improvements to Mt. View parking lot after the highway department completely scraped off all of the pollinator plants to make way for water to run off the parking lot.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday September 9, at 10am at the Comeau .



Woodstock Tree Committee
September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Woodstock Library, 10 am.

Attending: Michael Vietch, Gay Leonhardt, Cindy Muro. Carol Bush, LT Lover, Achva Stein, Ed Sanders

Tree Law discussion. Final verbiage complete, MV will discuss with Bill McKenna our purpose for these changes.

Mark Bronstein memorial tree? Where? Discussion of possible tree planting sites - Cemetary , by playground, Tinker Street area, Village Green (wait until sidewalk project is completed.

Gay is going to contact Teri Reynolds the Cemetery board to see if we can put in some trees there.

Gay spoke with new manager of CVS about things needing to be done with their landscape. She is going to contact corporate about some improvements. Cindy requested that they take out the Siberian elm weed tree.

Gay also met with the landscaper for Bradley Meadows and they were going to to get some tree pruning done soon. Also concerned with the strangling bittersweet at the Playhouse property. They do not have funds to take care of it, but wholeheartedly invited us to come any time to work on it. Cindy & Carol offered to help Gay for a work session.

Further discussion of bittersweet problem in town & how to attack it so it doesn't kill trees. MV suggests getting a line item for the highway dept for bittersweet item. Gay will talk to Donny Allen about this.

Linda is going to contact Ben Schacter of the Youth Center planning committee regarding actual protection of the elm tree.



Woodstock Tree Committee
Meeting minutes October 14, 2024
Town Offices 10 a.m.

Attending: Michael Vietch, Cindy Muro,
Carol Bush, Achva Stein, LT Lover

Four trees were planted last week at the cemetery, on 10/7/24. The tree on Rock City road by the chamber of commerce bldg, a maple was removed due to its dangerous condition as well as a large dead maple inside the cemetery. Much thanks to the highway dept for their assistance.

ZRC does not want to grandfather in people who clear cut on the mountain, Laura Ricci wanted them to be able to let them to continue to cutting forever. She took the discussion back to the board. End of story for now.

Our request for a review of the Tree Law has not been called on yet.
Conversation about grants, Youth Center Task Force plans-is there a landscape plan yet?

Michael will notify us if we get a time to speak about a budget request.

Achva will be contacting the DOT :

Timeline for sidewalk project?

Will they be using ESM- engineered soil?

Will they be tearing up the sidewalk on the village green?

Next meeting planned for Monday November 11, at 10am (Veterans Day)

