

Minutes of Tree committee  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

We started at 2:10 with four of us attending. Ed Sanders and Jay Wenk could not attend.

Attending were: Michael Veitch, Cindy Muro, Gay Leonhardt, and Jay Cohen. Jim Hanson was the WEC liaison.

Michael asked Gay to report on her experience with the Tree City conference in Albany. Gay said that she gathered a list of tree related orgs, both public and private that she would send around via e mail. We discussed the 2\$ per capita element of the Tree City designation. So far that has been covered by the highway department's tree removal monies. We agreed to check out that part of the budget towards the end of the fiscal year to see if we could get some tree planting money.

Cindy reported on meeting Beth of the DEC Trees for Tribs at the Mt View parking lot. Beth recommended doing planting at the left of the bridge ( when facing the bridge from the lot). She also said the lot needed come barriers to prevent people from driving over our plantings.

Our plan is to do some planting this spring and more later after more of the invasives are removed. Cindy will pick up the plants on april 28<sup>th</sup> but may or may not be free for digging that day.

We discussed getting helpers from the teen center or via the table at sunflower that will be on Earth day, the 21<sup>nd</sup> of April. The table is from 9 - 4. We agreed that a one page version of the tree town ordinance would be useful at the table. Sunflower provides the table.

We decided to make April 28<sup>th</sup> our planting and arbor day event with may 5<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. We discussed watering once a week depending on the weather. Gay said she would ask again with the people at Lotus about watering.

We might ask Mike Reynolds for some chips for mulch.

Gay said she would e mail Mike R on whether the town work on the lot would be before or after May 5<sup>th</sup> when the big bike race is coming to town ( a lot of cars will park for that).

We discussed whether the DOT might plant new in the spot by Yum Yum where the dead tree was removed. Jordan of Limber trees had noted that the existing tree bed is full of wood/roots from the dead tree and that an adjacent block of sidewalk might be removed for a new tree.

Ed Sanders had mentioned that we might discuss Jonathan apple trees for the historic society. They had two die. We all wondered why apple if it already failed and needs much maintenance.

Cindy said she would be in touch with Jeremy of the Woodstock Guild on the matter of a new tree in front of them. Perhaps the Guild could pay for the removal of the dead tree and we could plant a new one.

We discussed the letter from Bob Whitcomb ( sp?) on the stone wall at Bradley meadows. Michael also mentioned that sunflower may or may not be taking down some big trees behind the buildings.

We voted unanimously to this:

“We are all in favor of recommending to the town board that the regulated trees along 212 by Bradley Meadows be maintained and that no stone wall be erected. Any work that would impair or destroy the roots of the existing trees and compact the soil should be avoided.”

We discussed the money left from the “Jeremy” fund and thought it was about \$300.

Cindy said she would contact CVS to ask them to plant new trees that would survive.

Richard Heppner came by and said the Historical Society was doing two new Jonathan apples.

Jim Hanson of the Woodstock Environmental Commission informed us of the Alabama jumping worm which is a type of earthworm that is destructive and gets up to 8” long by August.

We adjourned at 3:00pm. Gay wrote up these minutes.