

**MINUTES-draft
Newburyport Tree Committee**

2011-**September 8** - DRAFT Minutes

Tree Warden is Andrew Lafferty, Deputy Director of Dept. of Public Services (DPS)

Present:

Hugh Kelleher (HK) (Chair), **Ed Taylor (ET)** (vice-chair), **Jean Berger (JB)**, **Paul Bevilacqua (PB)** , **Dave Dylewski (DD)**, **Katie Haried (KH)**, **Sandee Liversidge (SL)**

Absent: Jane Niebling

Visitors:Joyce Quinn, Jeff Esche

Meeting convened at **7:05 PM**

Location: Public Library children's room

Reading of the Minutes

from **August 11**, 2011 meeting

The minutes were approved as amended (motion by: Paul/ seconded by Katie)

Treasurer's Report

A financial meeting is schedule for September 14 to update the information.

task: KH will send the resultant information to JB.

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Ordinance update

Planning Office has the draft and need to return it to ET with a letter to the Mayor.

HK will request that the Mayor inquire of the Planning Office as the status of the Ordinance.

TASK: HK will invite the Mayor to the next meeting

2.) Spring planting update

Spring Planting Day, 2012, is schedules for April 13th. SL sent an email to Tom Brann 2 weeks ago and awaits a response.

TASK: SL and KH will recontact Mr. Brann by phone.

3.) Review of planting projects:

☐ **_Tree relocation project**

Tree Moving Grant was APPROVED last week by Mass. DCR.

There are 73 trees need to be moved. 53 by mechanical spade, 20 by air spade.

There will be 53 removals, therefore 53 holes which need to be vetted.

TASK: Seek a group of volunteer helpers to aid the Charter School parents on Planting day

TASK: Seek a professional arborist, perhaps Valley Tree, to participate

TASK: Invite Tom Brand to meet with us to discuss his work

NEW BUSINESS

1. Funding

Mayor Holaday plans to request funding from the City budget for the Tree Committee Activities, the Tree Committee hopes for tree care and watering.

TASK: Make up a proposal with budget for the Mayor

2. New volunteers

TASK: CK (?) Stockbridge (?) Ask Essex Aggie for an intern to help provide tree care

3. Other

TASK: JB/PB: Invite Tom Brand to Nov. or Dec. meeting. Contact A Lafferty

TASK: HK: Invite Mayor to discuss financial goals

We have agreed to meet 11/5 and 11/9 to prune trees

Adjournment at 8:45 pm

Next meeting: October 13, 2011

Location: Library Children's Reading Room