

MINUTES
Newburyport Tree Committee
2011, December 8

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

Present: Hugh Kelleher (HK), Dave Dylewski (DD), Paul Bevilacqua (PB), Ed Taylor(ET), Katie Haried (KH), Sandee Liversidge (SL), Jane Niebling(JN), Jean Berger (JB)

Visting: Jeff Esche (JE), Joyce Quinn (JQ), Andrew Lafferty (AL)

Thursday, December 8
called to order 7:05PM
Director's Room, Newburyport Public Library

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the Nov. 10, 2011 were submitted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Jean Berger (see attached) for October and November

JB submitted a budget up to July 2012 referring to data from previous years to come up with educated guesses about costs for ordering, planting and watering.

JB prepared a budget for the remainder of the fiscal year (through June 2012) .

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Update

The ordinance is still at Andrew Port's desk. ET hopes to move forward in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Kent Street

At 14 Kent Street the homeowner, in the process of redoing the front stairs allowed an excavation of the sidewalk resulting in the cutting of all the root systems of two large (22") trees between the sidewalk and the house. The city is requiring the contractor to submit paper work to demonstrate appropriate licensing.

TC will watch trees to see how they respond.

AL will follow up with the contractor, and with Gary Calderwood (building inspector) in case the city needs his assistance and will speak with Mayor and the City's legal representation.

Tree Hearing

AL met with developer. The developer will donate 5 trees (or value of) to the city to plant as the city sees fit. He will pay for removal of tree and stump and redoes sidewalk. The agreement requires the approval of the Mayor. AL as sent the info to the Mayor and is waiting on a response.

He agreed to 5 2-3' TREES and maintenance for one year. All at the city's discretion. TC would prefer the value of the trees rather than the trees.

Tree calls

Homeowner at 28 Hancock street would like to remove a tree. DD will work with AL.

Grants

TC will apply for CPA money in Feb. unless we get something from the city in Jan.

Tree Moving Project

JB: will city's involvement in transplanting project impact the spring planting project? AL: could. Need a separate meeting to clarify spring planting project.

JE: most residents are looking forward to replacement and are expecting to talk with the TC about tree choices. JE hopes all will be transplanted BEFORE the spring planting.

Spring Planting

The planting committee is working with JE's list. Will have a plan for the Jan. meeting.

Tues, April 24th is Spring Planting day.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM

Location: Library Children's Program Room

Jane Niebling, Secretary