

**Minutes of Newburyport Tree Commission**  
**June 9, 2016**  
**Children's Activity Room, Newburyport Public Library**

**Meeting Convened at 7:05 PM.**

**Tree Commissioners (TC)** present: Crispin Miller (Chair) (**CM**), Sheila Taintor (Acting Secretary) (**ST**), David Dylewski (**DD**), Byron Getchell (**BG**), Ed Taylor (**ET**), Wayne Amaral (Tree Warden and Deputy Director/Director of Operations Department of Public Services) ex-officio (**WA**)

**Members Absent:** Paul Bevilacqua (Secretary) (**PB**), Paul Harrington (Vice Chair & Treasurer) (**PH**), Jane Niebling (**JN**)

**Open time for Residents**      There were no residents in attendance.

**Report of the Secretary**

The Minutes of the May 12 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Report of the Treasurer**

**CM** presented an updated financial report developed in consultation with Treasurer **PH**. The report was approved unanimously.

**Report of the Tree Warden (WA): June 2016**

1. Tree Warden Summary for 2016.

69 High Hazard trees have been removed this year.

The most recent trees are:

Bricher Pl at #29 Hill St  
Elmira Ave #41  
Federal St #65 on Horton St (2 trees)  
Green St #28  
Horton St #15-17  
Jefferson St #24  
Low St #100  
Merrimac St #454 on easement  
Morin Rd (13 trees)  
Moulton St at #18 Moseley Ave  
Nock Middle School (3 trees)  
North Atkinson St #20  
Olive St #36  
Plum Island Turnpike  
Roosevelt Pl  
State St #120  
Tyng St # #48  
Woodland St #48 (2 trees)

0 Non-High Hazard trees have been removed.

2. Completed 2 tree pits for spring planting.

3. Green Street sidewalk construction should start in late June.
4. **WA** reported verbally that residents will be compensating the **TC** for 2 damaged Norway maples for approximately \$2300.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Planting and Pruning Committee**

The fall 2016 planting is set. 15 sites have been selected for trees whose species is TBD.

**BG** reported that Szczechowicz Landscape Services will honor its spring quote for the trees on Green Street in the fall.

**DD** made a motion to purchase 30 gator bags for new trees for the fall 2016 and spring 2017 plantings. The motion was unanimously approved.

A *thank you* to Andy Willemsem to be signed by **CM** and Mayor Holaday, has been sent to the Mayor for her approval and signature. The letter thanks Andy Willemsem, Director of the River Valley Charter School, for the RVCS' participation in planting the 4 trees on the center strip on Perry Way in front of the school in April. **ET** reported that Andy Willemsem is deeply interested in continuing RVCS participation in tree planting in Newburyport and suggested that the **TC** appoint a liaison to work with him.

### **Collaborative Projects with FoNT**

**CM** reported that there are 4 active projects: Gateway 1 (the Cornelius Doyle Triangle), Gateway 2 (Storey Avenue in front of the Home for Aged Men), High Street and the Industrial Park.

**JN** has submitted the following grant applications.

Newburyport Five Cents	\$2500	(Merrimac Street)
Institution for Savings	\$4000	(High Street)
Gayden Morrill Foundations	\$4000	High Street

## **Old Business**

### **Update: Tree Care**

The watering is working well.

## **New Business**

### **EAB Outreach with NUFA**

The **TC** is excited that the Northeast Urban Foret Advocacy (**NUFA**) is taking the lead on the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, and supports Jeff Esche's work on this front.

**ET** shared his decision to step down from the **TC** after 14 years, but assured us that he is still available to fill in as a temp and wants to continue working on the twice a year pruning and mulching days. We accepted his resignation with appreciation and a bit of sadness.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheila Roney Taintor, Acting Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday July 14, 2016 at 7 PM at the Children's Activity Room in the NPL