

Newburyport Tree Committee
MINUTES –DRAFT
February 9, 2012

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)

Absent: Jean Berger

Visting: Jeff Esche (JE)

Children's Program Room, Newburyport Public Library

Reading of the Minutes

From the Jan. 24, 2012 meeting

The minutes of the January 24,2012 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

NA

Nursery project

A discussion of information needed to establish a budget line for the development of a nursery for the purposes of our CPA grant and our own budget. It was decided to ask for \$6000 in the CPA grant for design, soil testing and consultation

Spring Planting Update

Spring Planting: SL: The spring planting committee intends to order 40 trees. If help is required for redigging holes already dug as a result of the transplanting the TC will ask Link House for help.

KH suggested moving existing Accolade Elms that are part of the re-location program to Parker Street.

Watering The TC has a commitment to fund watering of all transplant trees as well as this spring's 2012 planting in addition to the 2011 trees. Work provided by a potential paid "intern/summer employee" as result of the inventory grant could be split between tree care and inventory functions. The cost for a college level intern might be \$12-\$15 per hour. SL interviewed Andrew Courtney as a potential summer waterer. 160 trees @ \$2 per tree = \$7500, \$3000 through the remainder of this fiscal year and \$4500 for the fall and the remainder of the season.

Red maples

It is unclear who would be responsible for digging holes and replanting Red maples removed during the transplanting project. JN suggested that three or four could be moved to the Sullivan Building where there are good sites available.

TASK: JN will speak with the Sullivan building superintendent (grounds).

Special Projects

Green Street

Information about number of trees and number of pits, and cost, is being gathered by SL.

Merrimac Street

There is a signed agreement between the developer and the city to the effect that the TC is getting four trees in exchange for the big tree the developer took down, in addition to the four trees being put on the property.

PB: what is the process for ordering those four trees? TC hopes to be able to pick out and order the trees.

TASK: Hugh is writing to Andrew to find out the process for ordering the trees and to suggest that the TC be allowed to pick out trees ourselves.

Ordinance

As of this meeting the Ordinance was still stalled in the office of the Planning Director.

Bresnehan School

HK received a call from a Bresnehan School abutter. He would like to be involved in the planning for the border planting (Kiska?). Since the school is going to be rebuilt it is unlikely that any landscaping will be done until after that project is well underway.

TASK: HK will speak to Steve Cole on the school committee.

New Business

ED found information about a method (Missouri gravel or stone) for keeping bareroot trees. It might be good for the nursery.

JE has been going out with DD and JQ practicing logging data for the inventory.

HK will invite Tom Brann to the next meeting. We need to coordinate with him about pruning and mulching.

There was a motion by KH to end the meeting. ET seconded. All in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

The next meeting is March 8, 2012 at the Newburyport Public Library

Submitted Jan 25, 2012

Jane Niebling