

Newburyport Tree Committee  
MINUTES  
January 24, 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), Sandee Liversidge (SL), Jane Niebling(JN),  
**Absent:** Katie Haried, Jean Berger

**Guests:** Jeff Esche (JE), Joyce Quinn (JQ), Mayor Holaday(DH), Jason Foote (JF) of Valley Tree

**Minutes**

The minutes of Dec. 8, 2011 were submitted and approved as amended

**Financial report**

Jean Berger's budget proposal for FY 2013 is attached.

Mayor: the City has a "training budget". TC might be able to tap into that (for education) by contacting mayor's office with enough leadtime.

**Ordinance Update**

The Mayor will speak to Andrew Port about the stalled ordinance.

**Spring Planting Update**

The spring planting committee is waiting to receive the list of approved sites from Andrew Lafferty. AL has been looking at the transplant sites and has eliminated some already.

TASK: Can DD talk with AL and get a progress report and email HK the list.

TASK: Could Jeff send the list he got from AL to planting committee.

DD would like to continue mulching this spring and would like to get a group together to do this work, similar to the pruning outings of last fall. He has determined that the TC can use the raw mulch created by the city chippers.

TASK: The TC needs to let AL and the City know that we would like to use the mulch for our purposes.

SL - -- maybe the Charter School would like to be involved with the mulching.

JE reminded the TC that we will need background checks (CORY?) if we plan on going out with students. The Charter School can arrange this.

We may be able to get an intern from the Stockbridge School (as part of JE's Inventory Grant) for the watering this summer.

**CPA Update**

The Mayor has put in a request for 10K for the TC through the end of the year. This request is now in committee.

The TC will put in an application for a CPA grant. The proposal could include funds for Green Street and first steps on a nursery. The mayor agreed that these should be included in the proposal.

JE reminded the TC that the Mass. DCR provides grants (matching funds) for nurseries. The Mayor suggested that the TC investigate this first, then include the results with the CPA grant. A possible CPA request could include money for bringing water to the proposed nursery.

#### **Tree Inventory grant.**

The inventory grant, submitted by JE, has been recommended for funding by the DCR. Jeff is working on coordinating the collaborations with other institutions (Charter School, NECCO, UMass, Stockbridge School).

#### **Sidewalk Committee**

DD met with the new city "Sidewalk" Committee, a temporary committee looking for ways to organize and communicate information from the city about the ongoing repaving and rebuilding of city sidewalks. The occasional removal of trees as a result of sidewalk repaving creates an opportunity for the TC to consider tree replacement and design block by block.

HK hopes that between the TC and the Sidewalk Committee a new, more flexible approach to the difficulties posed by the especially narrow sidewalks on many of Newburyport's historic blocks can be developed. There is a person on the committee who represents the interests of ADA regulations.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

The next meeting is Feb 9. , 2012.

Jane Niebling, clerk

<b>Newburyport Street Tree Committee</b>			
<b>FY12(Jul 1 2011 - Jun 30, 2012) Treasurer's Report</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Tree Comt Fund</b>	<b>CPA</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
Balances forward July 1	\$-	\$8,731.46	\$4,330.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Tree Care by J Gil Organic Landscaping		\$3,600.00	
Gator bag installation May/removal Oct		\$300.00	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$4,831.46</b>	<b>\$4,330.00</b>