

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held Remotely Maynard, MA 01754
Wednesday, Sept 20, 2021 5PM

Members Present: Lee Caras, Neil Pederson, Orian Greene, Leslie Bryant

Liaison Non-voting Members Present: Justin DeMarco

Additional Attendees: Kate Wheeler

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 by Lee

II. Approve Minutes of previous meeting:

June 2, 2021

- Motion to approve minutes by Orian; Seconded by Neil; and approved by all

III. Old Business:

- Downtown Tree Planting- Fall plan
 - o Thank you to Tree Corps summer waterers, and to Leslie for interfacing with Aubuchon Hardware, the DPW to secure new hoses, Kate Wheeler for hose repair; watering has gone well.
 - Justin gives the group “Kudos” on watering to get the trees through the summer in an environment that is not easy to grow trees
 - o Finalize choices for 3 remaining empty wells.
 - Steve Smith sent a quote from Cavvichios Nursery
 - One on Nason, two on Main Street.
 - Elm in front of the Sanctuary and another near China Ruby
 - Swamp white oak in the well near Look Optical
 - o The Norway Maples near Look might be removed in the next year or two because they are currently in decline
 - o Might try to make an expansive green space beyond the wells – long-term goal
 - o Will expand current well
 - Steve will reach out to Justin to go to Cavicchios to tag available trees
 - Signage issue with tuliptree next to CVS driveway will result in the sign being moved, not the tree
 - o Davey Tree Survey and tree keeper software
 - Maintenance to keep data current to track or be updated once a month or bi-monthly to track things like Crane Avenue and Glenwood Cemetery tree removals.
 - Kaitlin was updating the database, but was going above and beyond, not likely to be updated.
 - Small contract, so they do their duty and try to entice folks to start a contract. If not, maintenance via this software is likely done.

- Data in Microsoft Access; hard to export
- Go to GIS Maynard and see the data when Davy did the survey.
Not updated
- Provisions for Cemetery replacements via Perpetual Care budget?
 - Once the lots are sold, then those monies can be used to plant new trees
 - Starting to run out of lots; little room for expansion, so trees removed to make more lots
 - Other trees were removed for disease and decline
 - Can have an Arboretum in the old portion of the cemetery.
 - Could likely to get some funds through a historic project because Glenwood Cemetery is a registered as a national historic site
 - March deadline for potential sourcing
 - Piles of chips on the path – why?
 - Perhaps through some landscape maintenance
- Further consideration of sourcing plant material with a focus on native tree species.
 - What is the process to get other vendors for native trees? Are there multiple vendors for other programs
 - We can get multiple vendors
 - Have paperwork
 - Can they deliver? Can they unload? Other considerations like nursery accreditation - follow standards of the industry; quality control
 - Need a W9
 - What size material does the vendor offer?
 - Need 1.5-2.5" caliper to survive street trees
 - Small trees could get mowed, so bigger trees are better
 - Ball to burlap? Other things
 - Why important?
 - When we developed our list, we wanted species that could not be sourced
 - Send Justin links and he will check it out.
- Glenwood Cemetery Newton apple tree- status.
 - Steve not here; have to pass on this item
- Tree Committee Bylaw development- plans.
 - Orian has a friend who develops bylaws for Lexington who could talk to us about pitfalls and successful ways to go forward
- Native nursery for Maynard?
 - Thoughts from Justin
 - On public land, very limited space
 - Most of Maynard land that is wooded or wetlands, unlike some other towns
 - Not much on DPW road other than Pine Hill Road
 - Could carve out a small area, but no water access
 - Could put out rain barrels as a solution

- Who would manage the tree farm? How would it receive plants? As seedlings?
- What about the Summer Street two properties after Patti Lane, across from Apple Ridge?
 - Concerned about visibility and vandalism
 - But is a possible area to consider
 - Does not have water, but might be a hydrant, potentially, nearby
- On private land, need to reach an agreement

IV. New Business:

- New funding sources coming for planting public shade trees in ways similar to the new pot shops to town? Like, the former Gruber Brothers building site/115 Main St. property?
 - Promenade overlooking the river below the new building
 - A dozen shade trees to be put in behind the building;
 - Work has been already mitigated through the Maynard Planning Board
 - Norway Maples in front of the building will be removed; one will be replaced
 - Focus was on native trees during planting
- New pot distribution center on Powder Mill Road?
 - Will there be funds there for tree planting?
 - Has to go through the select board first
 - Still early in the process
 - Mitigation has to mitigate direct impacts
- Tree Committee membership - student representative position considerations for discussion.
 - During these fraught times, it might not make sense
 - However, we might not want to preclude people who might be really interested in being on the committee.
 - There is a Science Club at Maynard High School led by Kevin Caruso.
 - Neil will reach out to Mr. Caruso to see of interest and potential students.
- Member/public comments
 - No comments

V. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Leslie; Seconded by Neil; and approved by all at 6:48