

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held Remotely Maynard, MA 01754
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5PM

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

Liaison Non-voting Members Present: Justin DeMarco

Additional Attendees: Kate Wheeler

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15

II. Approve Minutes of previous meeting:

March 31, 2021

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

III. Old Business:

Downtown Tree Planting Plan update

- Is there a target date for downtown trees?
 - May 4th is delivery and installation
- for the first couple of weeks, will the town be doing the daily watering?
 - o will be tough until post Memorial Day, can assist post Memorial Day, is partly a funding issue
 - o need a volunteer list to help water to start watering on May 5th
 - maybe businesses near each well to see if they can keep an eye on the gator bags; reach out to Maynard Business Alliance
- Water source for the downtown trees is the triangle/middle island at Nason and Main
- got all trees on list but hophornbeam and another tree/species
- no news on rain garden grant

Arbor Day planting update:

- Will scope out the hydrant near the Arbor Day Planting location
- We can use that hydrant on a continual basis
- The Maynard Tree Corps plans for the ceremony are coming together
- Will hold a tree planting workshop, too, so we can teach people how to plant a tree
- Tree will be delivered Friday now instead of Saturday morning

Tree By-law development update:

- Are planning Maynard Scenic Roads into our by-laws
- The town voted during the 1970s to approve the creation of four Maynard Scenic Roads
- The four Maynard Scenic Roads are:

- Summer St., between Concord and Town Line at Stow
- Old Marlborough Rd., between Puffer and Parker
- Concord St., between Summer to Town Line at Acton
- Puffer Rd.
- Issues with Maynard Scenic Roads
 - There are 54 unaccepted roads in Maynard that are not under the jurisdiction of the Maynard DPW
 - Puffer Road is currently one of these unaccepted roads
 - Possibly, down the road, we could make Puffer Road an accepted road
 - Was a road with a tavern & cemetery
 - Are limitations on what can be done on Maynard Scenic Roads

Davey Tree Survey Software considerations

- Justin has secured money to maintain these software and data for another year
- The Maynard Tree Committee should jump into the software to determine its value moving forward

IV. New Business:

New Fire Station site preparation/tree removals

- Tree Committee, we can approach the Planning Board Committee about planting trees in the new fire station plot, make stronger recommendations about the land and planting
- It is a tiny lot; no trees would have survived the development and larger amount of impervious road to go to on that site

Glenwood Maynard Family Tomb/Isaac Newton apple tree

- The tree closest to Parker Street in front of the Maynard Family Tomb, about 7-8 years ago Susan Maynard was buried there and an apple tree was gifted
- The apple tree is descended from the tree in England that Isaac Newton sat under
- Paul Boothroyd of the Historical Commission thought the tree needs to be moved and planted better
- A little bit of attention and support could go a long way for the Maynard Tree Committee
- Justin oversees the cemetery foreman, so Maynard Tree Committee or Corps member who wants to volunteer to work on the tree to have a volunteer slip from the town to work on the tree
 - Steve Smith & Kate Wheeler will start working on this tree

Discussion of June meeting date and Summer/Fall schedule

- Let's continue meeting to keep momentum

- We need to use the Cultural Council grant, so we will start getting tags and tagging the trees on Nason and Main
- Let's target Saturday, June 12th for the tree walk
 - o Tag the trees as we walk.
- Next meeting: June 2nd, 5 pm

Member/public comments

- none

V. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Leslie; Seconded by Steve; and approved by all at 6:49