

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD TREE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Lee at 5:15pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leslie Bryant, Lee Eyler and Steve Smith

ABSENT: Neil Pederson, Jamie Butler and Justin DeMarco (liaison non-voting member)

GUESTS: Kate Wheeler and Danny Schissler

MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 16th meeting was made by Leslie. It was seconded by Steve and approved.

CURRENT ITEMS:

Status of the Tree Committee: Lee reported that she had emailed Greg Johnson about the need for members to be sworn in for 2022, as we are currently serving with expired terms. She will go to Town hall tomorrow to find out when action might be taken. The Committee has been told by the Assistant Town Clerk that it can now add an associate member.

Tree Committee By-Law Development: Lee and Leslie have finished an initial draft. All Committee members were asked to review the draft and give their comments individually to Lee. At this time, the draft does not include a planting manual, a list of invasive tree species, a list of native trees appropriate to our area, or a fee schedule. The draft will also be reviewed by Kate Wheeler, Danny Schissler and Julia Flanary, the Conservation Agent. All comments will be discussed at the April or May Committee meeting.

Arbor Day Event Planning: A 10am dedication of three Eastern Redbud trees will take place at the Maynard High School on Saturday, April 30. Steve has permission from High School principal, Chuck Caragianes, to photograph and sketch a proposed planting site on the left side of the school above the sitting wall. He has reserved three Eastern Redbud trees at Cavicchio Greenhouses that are 6'-7' tall. The trees should be in bloom while the students are still in their spring term. There is access to water nearby on the school facade, and we'll ask if the high school green committee is willing to do some of the watering.

Lee will send invitations to our state senator and state rep, to the School Committee, and to the Select Board (who must approve the gift of the trees to the Town).

Steve will also order a replacement for the White Oak that was planted by the Rail Trail last Arbor Day. The site was apparently too wet for its survival. Justin has been informed about this effort. Steve will contact him about removing the dead Oak.

All four trees are a gift from Steve.

Glenwood Cemetery's Newton Apple Tree: Steve took photos of the tree and will send them to Carl Cathcart, who has tended the tree for many years. They will meet in May when Carl returns to the area. Steve's future plan to move the tree to a sunnier location to the right of the Maynard family tomb—an idea originally offered by Paul Boothroyd of the Historical Commission—will be discussed with Carl.

Item Tabled for a Later Date: draft memo to the Planning Board re: updating Landscape Regulations. Tree by-law needs to be passed first.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Leslie. It was seconded by Steve and approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

*UPCOMING MEETING: April 20, 2022 (subject to change)*