

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 13, 2016

Members Present: Ann Milovsoroff, Gail Henderson-King, Tod Warner, Dave Hall, Jan Gannon
Guests: Shelburne Recreation Committee members: Bruce Witbeck, Rene Davitt, Lynn Anne Prom, Peggy Coutu

1. **Meeting Call to Order** - Gail Henderson-King called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Review Agenda** - The agenda was amended to add a discussion about the Shelburne Dog Park.
3. **Consider Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2016.** Dave Hall approved the minutes and Ann Milovsoroff seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Citizen Participation** (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda). There was no citizen participation this month.
5. **Committee News** - Dave Hall is the new Town of Shelburne Tree Warden. Congratulations Dave! Welcome to Tod Warner, our newest committee member.
6. **State Urban and Community Forestry Program – 25 Year Celebration Tree Planting Grant Application** * The grant application was signed by Joe Colangelo on 4/12/16. It will go to the Select board at their next meeting in April. A fund raiser at the Back to the Beach Night is being planned help raise matching funds for the grant requirements. We expect to hear back by mid-May about the status of the grant.
7. **Shelburne Beach Tree Plantings discussion with Recreation Committee**
Discussed the trees that are dead and need to be reviewed at the beach. The first step is for Betsy Cieplicki to contact GMP to see if they will take down the dead trees near the power lines. If not, the Recreation Committee may have to hire a contractor. Dave will follow up with Betsy on this.

The Recreation Committee asked for assistance with where and what to plant for trees. Some of the requirements they would like considered are:

- Trees that only drop leaves. No pine cones, acorns, etc,
- Low maintenance is important,
- Open spaces for kids and adults to play,
- Maintain sight lines from cars for some view, and
- Trees that give some shade and are tall.

Gail will set up a time with Betsy to conduct a site visit. In the meantime, the Tree Advisory Committee can review the soil types and develop a list of recommended trees. Plans should include removal of trees and stumps, ongoing maintenance and planting new trees.

8. Shelburne Tree Management Plan: Final Tree Management Plan

Elise Schadler reviewed the plans. She recommended us to be more definitive in our goals. Gail and Elise made some updates. Lee added the poem from Norm about trees. The image on page 9 was replaced with an image from Shelburne.

9. Dog Park Update

Dave was invited to the Dog Park committee to discuss removal of trees. They want some help picking trees. They are also applying for grants and are interested in the Shelburne Memorial Tree Planting program developed by our committee. They had been in contact with Dale Bergdahl from UVM. He did a site visit, assessed their soils and gave them a list of recommended species for planting. Jan also mentioned she had been in contact with Kay Boyce about the same topics. Gail to send the memorial tree application to the Town and the committee members. Jan will then send it to Kay Boyce.

The dog park gets \$1.00 per dog license. Is there any opportunity for our committee to receive funds from the town?

10. Fund Raising/ Committee Awareness

Tod Warner had a good suggestion to talk to the Shelburne/Charlotte Rotary to see if they could assist with promoting the Shelburne Memorial Tree Fund. Tod to follow-up with the Rotary Club.

The Tree Advisory Committee is planning on attending the Shelburne Farmers Market Booth the first 2 Saturdays and then Shelburne Day. Our plans are as follows:

- Advertise the Memorial Tree Fund
- Donations for the new trees at the Beach
- Cultural Landscape Brochure
- Promoting the committee

11. Election of Officers

Chair- Gail Henderson-King was re-elected Chair. Nominated by Jan, Seconded by Dave
Secretary- Jan Gannon was re-elected Secretary. Nominated by Gail, Seconded by Dave.

12. Other Business – Nothing discussed here.

13. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned by 8:25 pm by Gail Henderson-King.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jan Gannon
Secretary, Town of Shelburne Tree Advisory Committee

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