

## TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 14, 2021 Meeting

Members in Attendance: Gail Henderson-King, Ann Milovsoroff, David Hall, Tod Warner, Susan Dunning, Kelly Moreton

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.
2. **Consider approval of minutes from March 10, 2021** – Discussed edits of minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Kelly, seconded by Dave. Minutes unanimously approved.
3. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** – none.
4. **Public Education and Outreach / Fundraising – Discussion of materials prepared by Kelly for April and May, responses to FPF posting, volcano mulching, Tree City USA announcement, Arbor Day celebration** – This topic moved up on the schedule because Kelly had limited time to participate in the meeting. Several topics were discussed including the School Street Ash trees, the Adopt a tree program, the issue of residents self-inoculating for EAB without pesticide certification, and Lee Krohn agreeing to write an article for the Shelburne News about Ann’s favorite topic – volcano mulching. Kelly reviewed the next 4 monthly outreach topics in draft form and committee members weighed in with feedback.
5. **2021 Arbor Day Tree Planting Grant – Award and Implementation for Arbor Day** – This topic was moved to next meeting due to time constraints.
6. **Emerald Ash Borer – Follow up discussion from meeting last month with the Natural Resources and Conservation Commission and the Cemetery Commission, EAB Awareness Week May 15-22, EAB traps**

Committee members discussed how best to handle the Town’s Natural Areas, primarily the perimeters that abut private property and parking areas. These spaces were not part of our original Ash tree inventory nor included in our management plan. Some Committee members felt that the Tree Committee should spend more time/labor adding these areas to our current plan, while other members felt that these spaces may not be under our jurisdiction and should be handled by the Natural Resources and Conservation Commission and the Cemetery Commission. This topic will need further discussion.

EAB Awareness week is coming soon, and it was suggested that Kelly include this in our marketing efforts. The School Street Ash tree corridor bounced back into discussion. The Tree

Committee was awarded a grant for our proposal for interplanting on School Street. This matching grant should provide funds for 2 trees and discussion ensued over the choice of species and location. After heated discussion, we reached a tentative agreement that 2 Burr Oak trees would be the best fit for the location chosen. Dave mentioned that we will need to investigate availability of any choice as COVID-19 has greatly increased homeowner demand for trees and as a result, stock availability at nurseries is limited this spring.

7. **Memorial Tree application received – Review and approve Memorial Tree planting application from Laura Gannon, discussion on updated 2021 Memorial Tree application and implementation** – We have another request for a memorial tree submitted by Laura Gannon. She offered a couple of desired locations and Committee members decided that the best location would be at the Shelburne Beach. A Japanese Lilac tree seemed to be the best species for this location. Dave will discuss our findings with Laura to see if these selections are agreeable.
8. **Tree City USA award – Award and announcement** – It is official...Shelburne will now celebrate our fourth year as a Tree City USA designee!
9. **Shade Tree Preservation Plan – Continue review and discuss latest draft plan and prepare a list of what are the Committee’s goals for the next 5 years** – Members discussed final comments/questions submitted by Elise Schadler. The Natural Area question came up again. It was reiterated that although the bulk of the Natural Areas are not to be “managed” by this plan, some perimeters and the parking areas do fall under such jurisdiction.
10. **Tree Warden Report** – Most of the Tree Warden Report had already been discussed. Dave has ordered the memorial tree for the Parade Ground. He asked members to meet at the site on Saturday for a final determination on placement.
11. **Other Business – Other business or ideas** – None.
12. **March 2021 Accomplishments – Discuss accomplishments/work we did in March** – Interplanting Grant awarded. Tree City USA #4.
13. **Adjourn** - Meeting Adjourned 8:47 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tod Warner, Secretary.

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on \_\_\_\_\_