

## TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of August 1, 2023

In Attendance: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Susan Dunning, Tod Warner, Ann Milovsoroff

Staff: Kit Luster, Matt Lawless

Guests: Barb Johnson – Bike and Pedestrian Paths Committee

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM
2. **Consider approval of minutes from June 6, 2023** – Postponed to next meeting.
3. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** - None.
4. **Town 2024 Capital Budget and Program** - Matt Lawless explained the Budget timeline and asked what the Tree Committee felt like they needed money for that would be a capital expense. Gail Henderson-King noted that capital improvements are also for planning ahead for potential projects/items that would be needed in the future. David Hall said that the committee has worked a lot with the State Urban and Community Forestry Program and look for grants that help them maximize their money. Gail Henderson-King mentioned that there is a Tree Conservation line item in the budget, but has had the funding reduced over the past several years. Matt Lawless asked if there was an established street tree program in Shelburne/ neighboring communities. David Hall said there is a stormwater management and street trees program in Burlington. Shelburne does not have the same programs in older developments, but has been incorporated into newer developments.
5. **Shelburne Day Activities** – The committee discussed what Shelburne Day activities they could do this year. Gail mentioned the tree raffle in the past and that cards had been printed and sold. The committee decided that this year they would lay out publications they have and present what was done with their grant (a requirement of the grant). Posterboard with photographs would also be prepared for the table.
6. **Growing Urban Forests Grant 2023** - The committee decided that the required news article should be written after Shelburne Day, and they would discuss further at their September meeting.
7. **Urban and Community Forestry Grants** - Postponed to September meeting.
8. **Shelburne Village Proposed Improvements: Parade Ground and VTrans Route 7/Harbor Road/ Falls Road intersection improvements** - David Hall brought up that it might be a good idea to have the Farmers Market Manager attend the September meeting to talk about longevity of the trees on the Parade Grounds. Barb Johnson from the Bike and Pedestrian Paths Committee spoke about the VTrans improvements and said that they are on pause now. The committee decided that they should write a memo to the Selectboard about concerns with the improvements and include the BPPC in the discussion to reach an agreement with VTrans.

- 9. Shelburne Historic Preservation and Design Review Commission Art Walk Brochure -** Gail said that Ruth Hagerman from the Shelburne Historic Preservation and Design Review Commission was no longer doing a brochure but would rather be doing a sort of print out. Gail mentioned the possibility of having a UVM Student from the Natural Resources Community Projects class in the Spring of 2024 do an update to their cultural landscape brochure for the Village. Dave said that a neighboring community had done QR codes to cut down on paper and integrate the program directly into the community.
- 10. Public Education and Outreach / Fundraising –** The committee expressed gratitude to Matt Lawless for posting vacancies in visible places. They also discussed the Shelburne News Article would be good outreach and education, and including something about vacancies would be good.
- 11. Tree Warden Report –** Dave Hall updated the committee on a few calls he had received about the recent Ash Cut trees. He recommended advertising when trees will be cut in the Shelburne News for those who do not read Front Porch Forum. He also mentioned that he had talked to Betsy Cieplicki about a dying maple tree at Shelburne Beach. They talked about a possible large tree grant or way to triage the tree.
- 12. June/July Accomplishments –** The board discussed the trees that were planted by Barrett’s Tree service and that they might need to be re-staked as they seemed to be leaning and not done properly.

*Respectfully submitted, Kit Luster*

**Minutes approved on:** \_\_\_\_\_