

**TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of October 4, 2022**

In attendance: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Susan Dunning, Kelly Moreton, Tod Warner, Ann Milovsoroff

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.
2. **Consider approval of minutes from July 5, 2022 and September 6, 2022** – Some minor corrections were discussed and both were unanimously approved.
3. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** – None
4. **Caring for Canopy Grants** – Lucy Allen, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher at Shelburne Community School (SCS), joined our meeting to discuss possibly coordinating application for grants for SCS campus. She has been involved with trees in her teaching and her class completed an Ash Inventory as a special project last year for example. The school has many Ash trees on their property including several that are bordering the School Street ROW but considered the responsibility of the school. The main issue we discussed was a new grant opportunity which involves a Silva Cell planting concept. This system is specifically designed for planting trees that have compromised space for root development – i.e. near road, parking area and sidewalks, which would be well suited for those Ash trees in the ROW on school property. It may be the only way to successfully re place the Ash trees there. The grant money available for the Silva Cell system is larger than the usual grant due to the cost of such a project and is also a 2-1 match. The committee wanted to explain how this would work and also consult/assist SCS in applying for such a grant, assuming that SCS would be able to provide the necessary match for the grant. Lucy agreed to investigate if any funds might be available for the match.
4. **Annual Election of Officers** – After discussion it was unanimously voted for all officers to remain in their current positions. Gail will remain as President, Dave remains as Vice Chair, Tod remains as Secretary, Kelly will retain her role as Public Relations and Outreach Director and cleaner of website, Ann retains her role as Tree Advocate. Even Susan was convinced to remain our Treasurer.
5. **FY 2023 Budget Planning** – Our proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 22-23 budget will be similar to the FY 21-22 budget with some minor adjustments. Members discussed current status of our

EAB Management Plan, which is a separate line item in the budget. We are on track and have removed approximately 130 Ash Trees to date of roughly 750 that may eventually need to be removed. Another 130 or so are already budgeted for in our current FY budget and these will be put to bid soon. Members discussed specific areas to focus on for this next removal phase. Kelly emphatically wants Tree Warden stipend included somewhere. Gail will finalize the budget and we will have opportunity to review again at our next meeting before it must be presented to Select Board on Nov 8.

6. **Public Street Tree and Shade Tree Preservation Plan** – This is basically done and Gail just needs to add in adjustments that were discussed at our September meeting with Elise Schadler.
7. **Public Education and Outreach / Fundraising** – Kelly will work with SCS teacher Lucy Allen on sharing the SCS Tree Campus USA designation.
8. **Tree Warden Report** – Most news already discussed. There was a brief discussion of the grey area of jurisdiction between the Town's Natural Areas and ROW type areas that we cover. In some places in town there are Ash trees that could potentially impact Town and/or private property when they fall. This will be an on-going issue but not the first time such an incident has occurred.
9. **Other Business** – None.
10. **September 2022 Accomplishments** – Website has been updated
11. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Secretary Tod Warner.

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