

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 13, 2019

Attendees: Attendees: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Jan Gannon, Ann Milovsoroff, Hope Johnson, and Tod Warner

1. **Call to Order** - Gail called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.
2. **Review Agenda** - Add to the agenda recruiting new members and membership terms on the committee under Other Business.
3. **Consider approval of minutes from February 13, 2019** - Tod made a motion to approve the minutes and Hope seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)**-
Hope Johnson- obtained leaf samples from 1932 from Alfred J. Edward's belongings at Wayne Barr's garage sale. She shared these with the committee and will also share them with VJ Comai.
5. **Tree City USA Designation** – Discuss attendance at Arbor Day conference and Shelburne Tree City USA sign locations/potential relocation

Everything was officially submitted for the Tree City USA designation award. The Arbor Day Conference is May 2nd in Montpelier at the College of Fine Arts. Dave, Gail, Ann and Tod will be attending the conference.

The Tree City USA signs are on the Welcome to Shelburne signs. Gail to talk to Lee Krohn about the Welcome to Shelburne signs and placement of the south end sign to see if it can be moved. There is also concern about the lack of continuity of the signs.

Next month Gail to print out the requirements to apply for the Tree City USA growth award. This additional award is available to municipalities that have been recognized as a Tree City for at least 2 years.

6. **Arbor Day Celebration** – Discuss ideas and agenda for Arbor Day celebration.

Offer another tree ID class, and a class on how to plant a tree. Conduct the tree ID class when the trees are leafed out. This would be sometime in the middle of May. Gail to contact Elise.

Plan is to plant several new trees at the beach. Dave to talk to Betsy. Due to the proximity to the shoreline, there are some environmental impacts so forms will need to be completed.

Recommend meeting with the Recreation Committee with a few suggestions as to what to plant at the beach. The committee will need to buy trees for the beach to make sure they are sturdy enough. Gail to find the recommended list from David Raphael from his class and send it to the committee.

No evergreens with large cones, no trees with seeds or fruit. Also want to consider trees that will maintain the view.

Seedling trees from Kyle Albee could be used as inter-plantings for areas of the town with Ash trees. These are not appropriate for the beach as they are not sturdy enough.

Largest tree in Shelburne contest. Tod to coordinate the logistics for advertising and posting the trees on the STAC website. Winners to be announced at Shelburne Day.

7. **Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan** – Continue discussion on preparation of draft work plan, UCF Grant award and next steps.

The committee received the grant for \$2,000 for the EAB Management Plan. Money was requested to purchase 2 iPads and a person to help write the report.

Gail to put together a schedule as to how to proceed with our plan and inventory. Gail to talk to Elise about identifying someone who might be interested in working for our committee pulling the report together. Gail will confirm with Lee that the grant has been signed.

Jan to contact CVU about a student who might be interested in working on our tree inventory and EAB plan as a grad challenge project.

Dave to send Jan links as to supplies we need for the inventory. This list of supplies are in the grant application. Jan to compile a list with the best prices.

8. **Tree Warden Report**

Recommend creating a Friends of the Shelburne Tree Advisory Committee. These would be members who would help with projects, but not be official board members.

Upcoming webinar on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Dead Ash Dangers and Considerations for Risk and Removal

Timothy Walsh, The Davey Tree Expert Company

Tuesday, April
2, 2019
@ 11 a.m. EST



Injuries and fatalities when felling whole trees is on the rise. Ash trees impacted by the emerald ash borer pose unique hazards and challenges. This presentation will walk through how to identify and mitigate some of the hazards relating to working near or on ash trees.

It's on the Emerald Ash Borer University website: <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/eabu.php>

9. Other Business

Board Member terms:

Tod and Hope extended to April 2020

Jan and Ann extended to April 2021

Gail, David and Open position- extended to April 2022

This is Hope's last meeting as a STAC board member. The committee would like to thank Hope for all her hard work, energy and enthusiasm on the committee. She did a fantastic job writing articles to the Shelburne News, marketing and overall committee participation. As her last official duty, Hope will write a letter to the Shelburne News or an Op Ed trying to recruit new board members.

Gail to ask Lee to continue recruiting for our committee.

10. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned @ 8:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Jan Gannon, Secretary, Shelburne Tree Advisory Committee

Approved by Shelburne Tree Advisory Committee on _____