

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 8, 2020 Meeting

Members Present: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Tod Warner, Ann Milovsoroff

1. **Call to Order:** Gail called meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
2. **Review Agenda:** Agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Consider approval of minutes from December 10, 2019:** Minutes were unanimously approved with minor corrections.
4. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda):** No citizen participation.
5. **Branch Out Burlington (BOB) Tree Donation:** This topic moved to February meeting.
6. **UCF Caring for Canopy Grant:** We discussed applying for an additional \$2500. grant to continue Parade Ground tree root invigoration to include four mature trees on Rt. 7 side plus the two Freeman Maples as well as the Oak and Hemlock on East side. Also, propose re-mulching the trees that were worked on last year. Will match the grant if approved with volunteer labor and Tree Fund.
7. **Tree City USA application:** Committee members will compile volunteer hours to complete the application. Template sent by email to committee members.
8. **Proposed Amendment to Shelburne Tree Policy:** Reviewed proposed changes to Tree Policy to take to the Select board.
9. **Proposed Tree Protection Specifications:** Committee members were asked to review the proposed Specification document one more time before submitting to Select board. The proposed Standards are intended to apply to Town Property construction projects only. Comments and any additions or edits to be sent to Gail by 1/31.
10. **Town Property Inventory: Ash Trees:** To be continued and completed in the Spring
11. **Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan: Next Steps:** Members discussed final preparation steps for our presentation to the Internship program at UVM on 1/16. Our intention is to secure a group from this program to assist in completion of the Tree inventory and writing the Management Plan. Dave has also followed up a lead from Kyle Albee about a similar program at the Environmental Studies and Sciences Department at St. Mikes. Trevien

Stanger – the head of that Department – gave Dave suggestions on how to structure our proposal. We will present to both schools next week.

- 12. Tree Warden Report:** Town Manager Lee Krohn connected Dave to the Arborist at Velco and their activities concerning EAB. They are targeting their lines along the RR tracks behind the Fieldhouse, clearing Ash trees.

Lee has also been speaking with the new Farmers Market Director, Sophie Conway about furthering our efforts to protect the trees from soil compacting.

- 13. Other Business:** We need to update our Tree Committee Logo – remove “Advisory”

- 14. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Tod Warner, Shelburne Tree Committee Executive Assistant

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on _____

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