

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 10, 2021 Meeting

Members In Attendance: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Susan Dunning, Tod Warner, Thea Platt, Kelly Moreton

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.
2. **Review Agenda** – Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Consider approval of minutes from January 13, 2021** – Motion to approve minutes made by Dave, seconded by Kelly. Minutes unanimously approved.
4. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** – None.
5. **Shade Tree Preservation Plan – Review and discuss latest draft plan** – Elise Schadler started reviewing our current Tree Management Plan document and had several questions for us to answer in order to complete a rough draft. Committee discussed the various questions throughout and came up with answers for most of them. This information will be sent back to Elise and we hope to have another draft of the Plan for our next meeting. Elise is putting the time in to assist our committee partially because we already had a working document but also to be able to use our final draft as a template to assist other towns in VT.
6. **Ash Tree on Other Public Lands in Shelburne – Discussion on how best to educate and help the Town and other committees address EAB** – In Dave’s position as Tree Warden, he has already been asked by other groups including the Natural Resources and Conservation and Cemetery committees as well as some property owners about how to address EAB on their properties. These committees have their own priorities and budgets related to Town properties they are involved with. It has also been noted before that the Town’s natural areas were not included in our original Ash Inventory and there will certainly be some Ash trees in these areas that could adversely impact both public safety and the Town’s liability. We intend to invite some other Committees to attend our March meeting and also will use the Shelburne News and Front Porch Forum to educate Shelburne residents on EAB.
7. **Public Education and Outreach / Fundraising – Discussion of materials prepared by Kelly** – Kelly had emailed committee members before our meeting a series of draft articles she has gathered/prepared for local print media. We thanked her for this effort and discussed

a few of them and how they might best be presented to the public. Kelly has also been working with Betty to update our web page. This is and will be an ongoing project and a regular part of our meetings going forward.

8. **Tree Warden Report** – Dave has been approached for planting a Memorial Tree and the applicant chose a Redbud to be planted as a companion to another Redbud at the Parade Ground. He also mentioned that this years' Tree City USA conference will be a virtual one due to COVID-19. On another note, Green Mountain Power (GMP) has no current plan for EAB in Chittenden County. They have been addressing the EAB issue on a county by county basis and do their budgeting every three years. When their last budget was established, our county did not yet have confirmed EAB. This has changed and they will include our country in the next budget.
9. **Other Business** - The Tree City USA application was completed and submitted on time.
10. **Last Month's Accomplishments** – Thanks to our work, the Select Board has now included a line item in the Town Budget for EAB.
11. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tod Warner, Secretary.

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on March 10, 2021