

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 12, 2020 Meeting

Members in Attendance: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Ann Milovsoroff, Tod Warner
Guests: Maegan Aldous, Jake Schevling, Tyler Schontag

1. **Call to Order** - Gail called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
2. **Review Agenda** – Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Consider approval of minutes from January 8, 2020** – Minutes approved unanimously.
4. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** – No Citizen Participation
5. **Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan: UVM Student Project** – The Committee gladly welcomed Maegan, Jake and Tyler who have agreed to take on our EAB Management Project as part of their Internship program at (department?) UVM. Special thanks also to Gail who “pitch” our project to the UVM Internship program. The students had prepared an Outline of tasks and deliverables for the EAB Management Plan, which we discussed, and they will send the final draft of this to Gail next week. They will help us complete our Shelburne Ash Tree Inventory and prepare our formal EAB Management Plan to be presented to the Select Board in April. We are very excited to have such a great group of students commit to this project and they are ready to get right to work. We spent some time reviewing our inventory equipment, how to use the I-Pads and upload to the ANR Tree Inventory database and went over the Town map and which areas that have yet to be inventoried.
6. **Tree City USA application** – Reviewed the necessary steps to satisfy the annual requirements, all is in good order and Gail will submit the application for our 3rd year of the Tree City USA Designation to Tree City USA.
7. **Branch Out Burlington (BOB) Tree Donation** – Final action on Branch Out Burlington (BOB) trees will be discussed next meeting. BOB contact Kyle Albee often has great deals (sometimes free) on tree stock that he likes to offer to groups like ours. We want to be able to take advantage of these opportunities and hope to create our own Nursery this summer. Dave has spoken with Mike Major, the Director of the Shelburne Eagle Scouts, and we may be able to incorporate both of these into an Eagle Scout Project.
8. **Proposed Policies and Specifications to pass onto Select Board for Review/Approval** – Dave has nearly completed the Tree Protection Practices document which he feels would be best served if it was entered directly into the Public Works Specifications for construction on Town

Property. Also, we will recommend a change in the Town Tree Policy to avoid mention of the Town of Shelburne being responsible for removal of trees on private property in a disputed situation between property owners.

9. **Tree Warden Report** – Town Tree Warden has reached out to hold a meeting with the new Director of the Farmers Market – Sophie (?) and Lee Krohn addressing our concerns over vendor parking and tree root compaction and new guidelines for the coming season. A meeting is planned to happen soon. Dave also brought up an issue he has become aware of concerning the newly implemented Form-based Zoning regulations. A planned project has some requirements that are not tree friendly, involving sidewalk placement and new tree planting. The fact that Form based zoning does not allow for any changes is an issue that needs to be addressed. Ann suggested a “common sense” clause be inserted in the Form based regulations – this could be a real problem.
10. **Other Business** – Discussed the best way to utilize the funds remaining in our budget by end of June. Gail will finish the requirements for last years’ grant matching funds so we will have the \$10,000 to pay the interns
11. **Adjourn** Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Tod Warner

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on _____