

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 11, 2020

Members in attendance: Gail Henderson-King, Dave Hall, Ann Miloseroff, Tod Warner, Susan Dunning

1. **Call to Order** - Gail called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM
2. **Review Agenda** - Our UVM Intern group unable to attend due to Pandemic. Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Consider Approval of minutes from February 12, 2020 meeting** - Minutes approved unanimously with several edits.
4. **Citizen Participation** - No citizens in attendance.
5. **EAB Management Plan** - Due to Pandemic our UVM Student Team was unable to attend. Discussed ramifications of this new situation and the need to stay in virtual contact with the team. They have made progress on Ash Tree inventory and are prepared to fulfill their commitment with the EAB Management Report. We will have to determine when and if they can present their finished product to the Select Board as the new environment with Covid-19 is still in flux.
6. **Branch Out Burlington Tree Donation** - Discussed possible location of a Tree nursery at the LaPlatte Community Garden location. Need to discuss location of the Nursery with Betsy Cieplicki at Parks and Recreation Dept. Further discussion on this topic moved to next meeting.
7. **Arbor Day Celebration**- Again, the new world will influence this and other events. VT Arbor Day is observed on May 7. Unsure if other scheduled events for Arbor Day will still be happening. Plan to discuss this again at the next meeting.
8. **Proposed Policies and Specifications to pass onto Town Manager and Select Board for Review/Approval** - Reviewed the documents to be submitted for inclusion into the Town Public Works Development Specifications as relating to tree protection. Several typos were marked for correction and edits were suggested. Discussed Section 9 and our suggestion to remove the stated Town's responsibility to impose a resolution for private landowner's disputes. Tree Warden David Hall feels that he should be available to help discuss and

mediate such issues but does not want the Town to be mandated to resolve Tree disputes between private landowners.

9. Tree Warden Report - David feels the Planning Committee will need to address certain aspects of the new form based zoning specifications especially in relation to sidewalk and new tree planting on new development projects in Shelburne. A meeting is planned for this coming Saturday afternoon with the new Director of the Farmers Market, Town Manager Lee Crohn, and the new President of the Shelburne Small Business Association Rozalyn Carter to discuss 2020 parking and vendor impacts on the Trees at the Parade Ground. Dave feels that this discussion moving in the right direction and optimistic that progress is being made to lessen soil compaction and protect the delicate root systems of the trees surrounding the Farmers Market.

10. Other Business - All necessary requirements and paperwork have been submitted by Gail and we expect to be officially approved as a Tree City for the 3rd year in a row.

11. Adjourn - Meeting officially adjourned at 8:40 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Tod Warner

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on _____