

**TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of April 5, 2022 Meeting**

In attendance: David Hall, Tod Warner, Kelly Moreton, Susan Dunning, Ann Milovsoroff

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. **Consider approval of minutes from March 1, 2022** – Approved unanimously.
3. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** – None
4. **Ash Tree Work Update** – Our first pre-emptive Ash Tree removal project of approx. 80-90 trees went well. Dave was able to witness some of the work and commented on how smoothly this task was accomplished. Great teamwork, no traffic issues and the entire process was done in one day. We still have budgeted funds available to use for a second cutting of approx. the same number of trees and this has been put out to bid. The second tree removal will include Barstow Road, Governor’s Lane, Maeck Farm, and Irish Hill Road. Committee members discussed whether or not there should be a public announcement to local residents. It was noted that such an action is not required, but also noted that the Committee has been forthcoming about this type of necessary activity in published articles in the Shelburne News and FPF because of the EAB infestation. It was also noted that no complaints were received from residents for the first project. It was agreed to move forward with the process without any additional public announcement.
5. **Arbor Day 2022 Celebration** – Arbor Day in VT is officially May 6. Members discussed scheduling a public planting of trees as an option for our Arbor Day Event on May 7. Branch Out Burlington has offered some tree stock including Honey Locust, Hackberry, Silver Linden, and Birch for such a project. Dave brought up the fact that when the Town plants any new trees we will also need to have a follow up plan to water and maintain them and coordinate this with the appropriate Town Department. It is part of our Tree City USA designation to have an Arbor Day Celebration each year, so we intend to move forward with a planting event on May 7.
6. **Tree Planting Selection** – Gail had emailed two Tree Selection Guides to members before the meeting, and these were discussed. It was noted that the science of trees is always evolving and requires regular updating over time. Kelly noted that some species that were recommended in the past are no longer recommended, and some even discouraged as new

information becomes available. The UCF has a great Tree Selection tool on their web site. Dave noted that Kelly has done a fantastic job updating the Tree Committee website which now includes links to connect with the UCF Selection tool and other useful sites. The UCF Vermont Big Tree Program is now live and the link to it is on our website. Our cherished Cedars on the Library grounds put Shelburne on the list!!

7. **Public Education and Outreach / Fundraising** – Again accolades to Kelly for all of her work updating the website as well as her published article on pre-emptive Ash Tree removal in recent Shelburne News. Kelly suggested that we recruit some additional members for our Committee, and all agreed with this.
8. **Tree Warden Report** – Dave has received potential interest in another Memorial Tree and will follow up with that. He also mentioned that Densmore Monuments appears to be closing up shop and thanked Susan for her work on finding a replacement vendor for the memorial stone which is a critical part of the Memorial Tree Program.
9. **Other Business** – Kelly mentioned that it might be a good idea to consider the area between the tennis courts and Creekside Drive in Davis Park as a place to put some trees or perhaps some shrubs.
10. **March 2022 Accomplishments** – Phase 1 Pre-emptive Ash Tree removal completed. Caring for Canopy Grant proposal accepted. Shelburne Cedars included in the UCF Big Tree Program.
11. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes were respectively submitted by Tod Warner.

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on \_\_\_\_\_