

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of May 8, 2019

Members Present: David Hall, Gail Henderson-King, Tod Warner, Jan Gannon, Ann Milovsoroff, Nick Esposito

1. **Call to Order:** Gail called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm
2. **Review Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Consider approval of minutes from April 10, 2019:** Tod made a motion to approve the minutes and Ann seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** No citizen participation this month.
5. **Welcome New Member and Election of Officers:** Nick Esposito has joined the committee. The election of officers has been postponed to the June meeting.
6. **Tree City USA Designation** – Update from Arbor Day and discussion of Tree City USA Growth Award application

Ann, Dave and Lee Krohn attended the Arbor Day Conference and accepted the Tree City USA award. The format was a little different this year and posters were made for each town and posted in the chapel. During the ceremony, the Town of Shelburne's name was read. We were given two year stickers and a Tree City USA flag.

There is now a growth award that we can apply for. Gail to email the growth award criteria for us to review at the next meeting.

7. **Arbor Day Celebration** – Review date and activities for Arbor Day celebration. The Shelburne Day Arbor Day celebration is May 18 at 11:00 am. Gail will send out last year's agenda to use as an outline to update with this year's information.

Jan to invite the Select Board and the State Representatives to the Arbor Day Celebration and send the information to the Shelburne News.

In recognition of Arbor Day, the plan is to remove and plant new trees at the beach. The Shelburne Tree Committee will be using some of the money from our tree fund to plant a tree honoring Wake Robin's commitment to helping us start our tree fund. Bids have gone out for the tree removal and plantings. They are due Friday, May 11. Red Maples and Freeman Maples will be planted by May 31st. The highway department will help with the traffic control and remove the additional wood that cannot be turned into wood chips

Gail to follow up with Elise Schadler with about a Tree ID workshop with a focus on identifying ash trees. The plan would be to learn to identify ash trees and start tagging those on public property. This class would be a joint program with the Town of Charlotte to foster a partnership. Prior to that presentation, it would be beneficial to have a refresher on how to use the iPads.

8. **Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan** – Discuss ordering of materials for tree inventory, EAB tags, outline of draft work plan, and example EAB plans

Tod to follow up with Elise on what we want on the tree tag. Add STAC and <https://www.shelburnevt.org/235/Tree-Advisory-Committee>

Tod to follow up with Lee on our plan for labeling and tagging trees.

Gail to talk with the Web Master at the Town and we will discuss at our next meeting. Note – Jan actually took this over and is working with Betty Marcher from the Town of Shelburne.

EAB Grant- Gail to work with Peter on purchasing the equipment required for the grant. Note- Gail will review the proposed equipment list and Jan will work with Peter on ordering.

Goal is to have the Town of Shelburne ash tree inventory completed this year.

9. **Tree Warden Report**

Currently there is \$4,500 left of \$9,000 line item. So far, \$4,500 has been spent for tree removals and pruning around the town.

The Community School principal, Scott Sivo is concerned about the number of ash trees on school property and the health of some of them. Scott would like to partner with our committee to formulate a plan. Dave has started these conversations.

The Shelburne Farmer's market run by the Shelburne Business and Professional Association starts May 25th. Dave will be installing the stakes and flags around the trees on the Parade Ground.

He has also started conversations with Rosalind Graham who is on the Shelburne Business and Professional Association about educating the vendors about the need to protect the trees. An email will be sent out to all the vendors about the reason for the stakes around the trees.

10. Other Business - Gail to email the committee members the tracking sheet so we can keep track of our volunteer hours.

An outline of the draft EAB work plan and example EAB plans from other communities will be discussed at our next meeting.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Jan Gannon, Secretary, Shelburne Tree Advisory Committee

Approved by Shelburne Tree Advisory Committee on _____