

Town of Shelburne Tree Committee
Minutes of July 5, 2022 Meeting

In attendance: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Tod Warner, Ann Milovsoroff
Guest: Elise Schadler

1. **Call to Order** – Quorum was reached and meeting called to order at 7:38 pm.
2. **Consider approval of minutes from June 7, 2022** – June meeting minutes unanimously approved after a few corrections were made.
3. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda)** – none.
4. **Update and Discussion with Elise Schadler, Program Manager of the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program** – Elise Schadler joined our meeting and said she was glad to be meeting with groups again since COVID interrupted that for the past two years. We discussed the work we have been doing together for the Public Tree Management and Shade Tree Preservation Plan Document. Some minor changes were discussed and Gail will finish this for final review at the committees' next meeting. Elise also gave a heads up that her organization has received new funding for additional planting grants which should become available soon. Committee members offered feedback that it would be helpful to change the tree planting guarantee from 3 years to 2 years. The 2-year guarantee is much more common in the marketplace and adding another year to the guarantee dramatically affects the cost for such projects. Dave offered that in his experience, if a new tree lasts two years it is probably OK in most cases. Elise said that the new funding may be more flexible and appreciated the feedback. The topic of having a tree nursery area for Shelburne was brought up. The spot near the community garden was discussed.
5. **Annual Election of Officers** – Postponed until next meeting so all members could participate.
6. **Ash Tree Work / Caring for Canopy Tree Planting Updates** – Dave updated that between 100 to 130 Ash trees have been removed so far. DJ's Tree Service was commended for their professional, timely and trouble-free performance on the removal projects. Kelly had procured two purple EAB traps which were placed near some stressed Ash trees on Harbor Road and will be checked by the State in a few months. Although not confirmed, it was noted that EAB is probably already present in Shelburne based on presence is abutting communities.

7. **Arbor Day 2022 Celebration Recap** – The ten trees planted in the Shelburne Bay parking area seem to be doing well although the Swamp White Oaks may have had some Spongy Moth damage which should not be fatal.
8. **Tree Planting Selection** – The current Selection Guide on our web site needs to be updated as climate and invasives and prevailing knowledge of what works best in our area are always in flux. This will probably be a work in progress and need updates down the road as well. It was noted that the Committee needs to come up with a comprehensive plan for future planting in general. We especially need to identify priority areas for the near future to take advantage of the previously mentioned new grant opportunity with the VT Urban and Community Forestry Program going forward.
9. **Public Education and Outreach / Fundraising** – Although Kelly was not able to attend the meeting, she had sent the Committee members an e mail before the meeting with some updates on our web site and topics she has lined up for publication.,
10. **Tree Warden Report** – Items already discussed
11. **Other Business** – No other business
12. **June 2022 Accomplishments** – 100 to 130 Ash trees removed, Caring For Canopy Grant planting bid with Horsford's Nursery accepted.
13. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Minutes were respectively submitted by Tod Warner.

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on _____