

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes of July 8, 2020 Meeting

Members in Attendance: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Tod Warner, Susan Dunning

1. **Call to Order:** Gail called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.
2. **Review Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Consider approval of minutes from June 10, 2020:** Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved with one edit.
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:** Our I-pads have been synced with the data compiled by the Student Interns and Committee Members discussed strategy for completing the Ash inventory for the final report. Susan shared her efforts to use the calculator from Perdue University. She needs some additional data and a complete inventory to arrive at general numbers for final recommendations in the report. Dave shared that the going rate for inoculation is approx \$12.00 per diameter inch based on last quote from Teachers Tree Service. The Tree Committee is poised to complete our initial inoculation phase to include approximately 7 ash trees in the Town Center. The cost for these and the trees already done at Parade ground is \$2,200 which has been paid from our 2019 budget. Dave will supply the Committee with estimates from previous bids to determine rough cost figures for removal of healthy trees. This expense can then be contrasted with anticipated higher cost of removal of diseased trees. All of this information can then be fed into the calculator using a complete inventory to give general cost estimates of different management strategies for the final report to the Select Board. Covid-19 impact on the Town Budget will impact any actions in the near future. Our budget has currently been cut in half for FY 2020-2021, so the Committee is unsure what the next steps will be other than removal of Ash trees that obviously need to be removed due to their current condition. Susan asked if Shelburne has been using EAB traps and Dave said that the state is no longer setting EAB traps under the assumption that EAB is definitely here already.
6. **Ash Tree Inventory Work:** One of the members from the Urban and Community Forestry Program – Joanne Garten has graciously offered to assist us with some final inventory work.

7. **Other Business:** Gail has the final draft for the Tree Protection Standards to be included into the Town's Public Works Specifications. Our Virtual Arbor Day site – thanks Dave for putting that together - should qualify as an Arbor Day Event. Along with the Arbor Day Proclamation, we should be in good shape to continue our Tree City USA designation.
8. **Tree Warden Report:** Most of Dave's comments were interspersed throughout the earlier discussion.
9. **Adjourn:** Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Tod Warner

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on _____

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