

TOWN of SHELBURNE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 13, 2020 Meeting

Members In attendance: Gail Henderson-King, David Hall, Susan Dunning, Tod Warner

1. **Call to Order:** Gail called meeting to order at 7:09 PM.
2. **Review Agenda:** Agenda approved with no changes.
3. **Consider approval of minutes from May 17, 2020 and July 8, 2020:** Motion by Tod to approve the minutes of May 17, 2020 and July 8, 2020, Susan seconded – approved unanimously.
4. **Citizen Participation (Opportunity for public comment on any Committee Business that is not included on this agenda):** No citizen participation.
5. **Ash Tree Inventory work – Review data collected to date, discuss what roads need to be inventoried and outline next steps:** We are currently more than 90% complete. Members discussed available times to complete the last portions of Spear Street, Dorset Street and Thomas Road to finish Ash Tree inventory. Members agreed to gather on Sunday 8/23 at 7:30 AM to attempt to complete the inventory. Joanne Garton from the Urban and Community Forestry Program has offered to assist us in extrapolating the counts from the map into three size categories. This will enable us to produce cost estimates using the cost calculator for the Management Plan recommendations to the Select Board.
6. **2021 Supporting Municipalities through Ash Tree Management Grants – Discussion on grant and what the Town could use this for:** Members discussed various options for use of grant funds if approved. Interplanting and inoculation were the primary uses discussed. School Street corridor and Town Square were two areas for possible inter-planting mentioned. The specimen Ash at Shelburne Supermarket may be too expensive to save. Tree Warden indicated the large diameter of this tree will make the cost to inoculate quite expensive. In addition, this tree is right on power lines and GMP could decide to remove regardless of our efforts to preserve.
7. **Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan – Continue discussion regarding addendum for Implementation:** As already mentioned, the final count is needed to input to the cost calculator for the final cost estimates and recommendations for the Plan. Susan asked to get a copy of the Students Final draft for review. Also, Gail mentioned that she would forward the

EAB plans from Williston and Charlotte for comparison. This was put on hold until next month.

8. **Tree Warden Report:** Dave will contact GMP to discuss their feelings about the specimen Ash at Supermarket entrance. He also asked to locate the Urban and Community Forestry Program tree list to advise the Church efforts to plant 6 new trees as part of their expansion project. The Tree Policy Amendments are currently on hold with the Town Manager.
9. **Other Business** – Discussed the “Save an Ash Tree” idea and the ongoing expense of inoculation for future budgeting.
10. **Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tod Warner, Secretary.

Approved by Shelburne Tree Committee on _____

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