

Longmeadow Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 24, 2022
Remote Meeting

The Tree Committee meeting was held remotely via Zoom. The meeting opened at 6:08 PM. The following members were present: Chair Dave Marinelli, Mark Tolosky, Patrick Carnahan, and Steve Steiner. Lou Kornet attended as member of the public.

Public Comments: Lou Kornet discussed recent Town Manager article in the Reminder and upcoming Frederick Law Olmsted events.

January minutes – correct and approve: Minutes were previously reviewed by Committee members and approved.

Old Business: Arbor Day planning - Dave requested funding for the purchase and distribution of tree saplings which was approved by DPW. Dave will work with the various garden groups as in previous years for added funding and assistance in distribution of the saplings.

New Business: Dave recently attended virtual presentation at UMASS/Amherst regarding Ash trees. Regarding Ash trees, it is time for treatment of Ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Dave canvassed Tree Committee members for their support in continuing the treatment program. The Tree Committee supports continued treatment of Longmeadow's Ash trees.

Frederick Law Olmsted Program – A Frederick Law Olmsted program is being held in April at the Springfield Museums. This program honors Olmsted and marks the 200-year anniversary of Olmsted's work in landscape design and conservation of open space. Registration for the program can be found at:
<https://springfieldmuseums.org/program/olmsted-legacy-bringing-nature-city-creating-breathing-space-democracy/>

Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association is holding a meeting on March 24, 2022 at the Blue Bonnet Diner, Northampton, MA. Topics will include street trees and street tree care. The public can attend the meeting for a fee of \$40.00.

Read and Correct Minutes: Completed. Unanimously approved.

Set Next Meeting Date/Time: Next meeting will be March 17, 2022 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm

The purpose of the Tree Committee is to promote a healthy and sustainable community forest by planting and maintaining quality trees and providing education and advocacy to the public on the benefits of trees.