

# Longmeadow Tree Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 17, 2022  
Remote Meeting

The Tree Committee meeting was held remotely via Zoom. The meeting opened at 6:15 PM. The following members were present: Chair Dave Marinelli, Mark Tolosky, Patrick Carnahan, Kathy Kucab, and Steve Steiner. Bill Seefeld and Lou Kornet attended as member of the public.

**Public Comments:** No comments.

**February minutes already approved.**

**Old Business:** Arbor Day planning – Dave requested funding for the purchase and distribution of tree saplings which was approved by DPW. Dave has placed the order for the trees and has reached out to Principal of Center School for discussion regarding where this year's tree will be planted. Dave will work with the various garden groups as in previous years for added funding and assistance in distribution of the saplings.

Ash tree treatment in 2022 is being worked on through the Tree Committee and Longmeadow DPW. Treatment is for the Emerald Ash Borer, a pest which attacks Ash trees.

Frederick Law Olmstead program April 21 @ 12:15 pm-1:30 pm. See link for details:

<https://springfieldmuseums.org/program/olmsted-legacy-bringing-nature-city-creating-breathing-space-democracy/>

More Frederick Law Olmstead as it relates to Longmeadow:

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/olmsted\\_archives/collections/72157669531883105/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/olmsted_archives/collections/72157669531883105/)

**New Business:**

Dave remotely viewed the Select Board meeting where Select Board member Mark Gold spoke in support of additional funding for street tree planting. This was a strong endorsement by a Select Board member for Longmeadow's public shade trees. Dave later thanked Mark; both recognize the current impact of reorganization on operational issues and look forward to the DPW resuming tree planting.

Dave has reached out to Longmeadow Conservation Committee for permission to plant a small fruit tree nursery at the Longmeadow Community Garden site.

Longmeadow Earth Day cleanup which will be April 10<sup>th</sup> .

**Read and Correct Minutes:** Completed; approved unanimously.

**Set Next Meeting Date/Time:** Next meeting will be April 21, 2022.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:29 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.