

# Longmeadow Tree Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Monday May 16, 2022  
Remote Meeting

The Tree Committee meeting was held remotely via Zoom. The meeting opened at 6:00 PM. The following members were present: Chair Dave Marinelli, Mark Tolosky, Kathy Kucab, Patrick Carnahan, Steve Steiner and Bari Jarvis. Tree Warden Steve Guzzo was not present. Lou Kornet attended as a member of the public.

**April meeting minutes** were unanimously approved by those who had been present.

**Public Comments:** Lou Kornet reported on a recent trip to Portland, Oregon, during which he admired a large American Chestnut tree, a private tree which is protected by their Heritage Tree program. He asked if a similar program could be instituted in Longmeadow. Steve asked if there were any legal way to protect large privately owned trees in Longmeadow. Dave suggested that it would require a bylaw and enforcement official, and that getting such a bylaw passed might not be easy. He also pointed out that Springfield protects their larger trees with an ordinance. As a first step, Dave suggested that we identify and publicize our larger public shade trees which are already protected by MGL. Dave will circulate a list of the larger trees in inventory. Patrick and Lou offered to help identify larger trees on conservation and park land.

### **Old Business:**

**Arbor Day Report** – 300 Canaan Fir seedlings were distributed to 5 of the 6 Longmeadow schools with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. A London Planetree was planted on the Green at the request of Center School. Dave is working with the DPW to get it and memorial trees watered. 100 Hazelnut, 100 European Mountainash and 100 Douglas-Fir trees were also distributed to the public on the Green.

Ash tree treatment for the Emerald Ash Borer is planned for late spring 2022.

### **New Business:**

- Dave led two groups of 8<sup>th</sup> graders in a tree planting at Turner Park as part of their Civics curriculum.
- Two memorial trees have been requested and funds for one have been received so far. Dave is helping the DPW coordinate.
- Dave suggested that we reach out to Select Board candidates to get their support for our recommendation that one public shade tree be planted for every tree lost. Lou agreed to help.
- Patrick suggested that the Tree Committee increase public engagement in our tree canopy by setting up a chronolog point so that people can photograph a tree or treescape and view it over time. More information can be found here: <https://www.chronolog.io/>

**Read and Correct Minutes:** Not done. Draft minutes will be distributed.

**Set Next Meeting Date/Time:** Next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 22** at 6:00.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
David Marinelli

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.