



## **DOVER TREE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

### Meeting Minutes

6:30 PM

January 24th, 2023

Held Remotely Via Zoom

**Members Participating:** Val Lin, Jay Crocker, Shannon Crotty, Angela Lin, Boynton Glidden. Christy Violin was not present.

**Opening:** Chair Val Lin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **I. New/Special Business:**

#### **a. Review of The Concord School project**

Discussion of data repositories: Dover town library has all annual reports dating back to 1800s. Carol Lisbon sent over further data from Annual Reports - 2018: 15 new homes, 343 additions/renovations - 2019: 7 new homes, 368 additions/renovations - 2020: 10 new homes, 369 additions/renovations - 2021: 8 new homes, 484 additions, renovations – The February public forum will be begin at 10:30 am, the library opens at 10 am for set up. We have reserved for 10:30 - 12:30 - Conway team has been looking at mapping and getting to know the lay of the land: hydrology, impervious surfaces, land cover, habitat, zoning, existing protections on trees.

The Conway Team will provide Dover with an MOU over the coming weeks outlining the deliverable for this project.

#### **b. Public Forum Planning Discussion**

Val to provide the meeting introduction. Discussion about how much time to provide teaching vs fact-finding structure of the meeting. Incorporate education on the historic nature of Dover in the introductory exercise. As people discuss their favorite areas in Dover, this can lead into a natural discussion about why these places are special - Val will pull together some historical facts about different forested areas, when and who donated them. Can get info from conservation commission and the Historical Society – If possible, provide aerials and other graphics/maps for participants to review during the meeting - this will help generate discussion and bring different ideas. Discuss current Dover tree

preservation-related bylaws and possibly show a map indicating areas impacted by Scenic Road Bylaw. Offer the maps and visuals for the town website in the future.

### **c. Interview schedule status and discussion points**

Zoom interview coordination in progress with Departments, Boards, Commissions. Val received some statistics from BOH. Kevin McCabe - he is a little busy with all the snow right now. Jay spoke with John Gilbert - he has all of his records from the last 20 years for both Town of Dover pruning and removals and will provide those to The Conway School. Discussion about why people move to Dover – survey data suggests rural character, schools, privacy. Discussion of clear cutting – many complaints and concerns by residents. Seems to be the developers and contractors who are clearing trees during construction to make their development process easier/cost effective. There are a few residents who have initiated large tree removal – can we reduce this risk via community education? Solar panels and home inspection comments also contribute to tree removal by homeowners. Can gather statistics from BOH and Building Dept.

Discussion about pest/virus threats - Conway team hoping to reach out to the Conservation Commission, local arborists, and local conservation/land organizations about natural risks and threats to tree populations in Dover – Many ash trees are succumbing to EAB – those trees considered severely diseased or dangerous will be considered for removal by the Tree Warden if they are in the Town's right of way along streets. The Town of Dover generally does not do much spraying, though some occurred to eliminate gypsy moths.

### **d. Next Steps:**

Committee members to post/email meeting notice and generate audience interest. The Conway School team to create run of show agenda and finalize February public forum presentation.

### **Adjournment:**

**At 7:30 PM the meeting concluded.**

**Next Meeting: Dover Public Forum, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am Dover Public Library**