



DOVER TREE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

August 15th, 2023

Held Remotely Via Zoom

Members Participating: Val Lin, Angela Lin, Jay Crocker, Janet Bowser, Boynton Glidden

Opening: Chair Val Lin called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

I. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for July 18th were reviewed, discussed, and passed unanimously.

II. Discussion about Tree-Related Events in Dover

Question as to plan for trees selected for cutting due to new Caryl Community Center. Trout Brook 40B proposal submitted to the ZBA and public hearing is beginning. Pulte Homes is exploring their options for a large development on Junction Street and requesting water and sewer from Medfield.

III. Update on priorities for the 2023-2024 years:

Val met with Kevin McCabe and the Tata & Howard consultant to discuss adding tree preservation in the updated Dover's Stormwater Bylaw. They reacted positively with the ideas that the TPC suggested and will bring these ideas to the larger Land Use department at their next meeting. Val also met with Jason Belmonte who supports the tree protection recommendation.

Janet suggested that we need to look at a percentage of trees protected vs set back area for protection, especially when considering large lots. We should also discuss shrub removal and any building activity vs large project activity. Another consideration should be if there be waiver provisions that the ZBA can offer, and also consider the wetland replanting recommendations we developing the planting recommendations for stormwater mgt or stand alone tree bylaw.

Angela Lin provided updates on the Tree City USA application. Val will send the draft proclamation to the new Town Administrator to review with the BOS.

Shannon Crotty was unable to attend the meeting due to vacation time. Val spoke with Park & Rec about their website. It seems the most reasonable way to move forward is to work with the town IT expert.

Val mentioned that a new Town Planner will be starting with the Town in early September. The NRPZ work is put on hold until the new Planner begins.

IV. Dover Days Booth

Val reserved the Dover Days booth and is putting together a plan for educating our residents at the event. Val will send out a sign up for each committee member to volunteer with helping at the booth.

Adjournment:

At 8:00 PM the meeting concluded.

Next Committee Meeting: September