

Hartford Tree Board Meeting  
May 16, 2023  
Agenda  
Hartford Municipal Building  
5:00pm

Meeting Called to Order

Business

Review Minutes from April 18, 2023 Meeting

- 1) Tree Warden is recovering from hip surgery. He reported that two dead elms just north of Rt 5 intersection and Rt 14 need to come down. He says to wait on the trees by White River Family Eyecare since they might just be honey locusts that haven't leafed out yet. Says also that sick and dying elms should probably be removed on Pine St.
- 2) Joanne Garton from VUCF will attend and give her reactions to our riparian invasive removal Grant work and report on our meeting at 3:45 PM regarding using ArcGIS to inventory Municipal shade trees. Please join us at 3:45 to go around the Town Hall and update the inventory which still has the elm trees that were replaced with the Tulip Tree, the Gum Tree and the Black Walnut and which doesn't have the fruit trees on the front lawn or others in the park like the Black Spruce.
- 3) Evaluate and discuss our well attended April 22<sup>nd</sup> Aquatic Center Tree walk.
- 4) Discuss how our very successful May 6<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day Tree and Shrub sale went.
- 5) Describe the process that Leif and Jeff took to plant 54 cottonwood stakes on the east end of the riparian buffer zone as designated in our Grant.
- 6) Discuss how restocking our nursery went on May 11<sup>th</sup> where we planted 100 rootstocks in 3-gallon pots; 10 Silver Maples, 10 Silky Dogwoods, 10 Tamaracks, 15 Paper Birches and 10 grey Birches and another 50

shrubs for our riparian project: 20 arrowheads, 20 Nanny berries and 10 serviceberries that were purchased from Redstart Forestry.

- 7) Plan for the planting of the 16+ unsold trees comprised of a mix of cottonwoods, black willows, and silver maples on the west side of the Grant's riparian buffer zone.
- 8) Plan for a July invasive removal day to complete Grant objective which the community and other groups like HCC will be invited. Necessary tools for removal and who will identify invasives for removal.
- 9) Discuss the need to plant the yellowwoods, the katsura, the swamp oak and the plane tree that have been reserved at NN and where they will go and who will remove the two elms on Rt 5 by WR Elementary as well as those on Pine St.
- 10) Tree of the Month Report