

HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

Date April 18, 2023 | time 5 pm | Meeting called to order by Jeff Arnold, Chair

Commission Members In Attendance

Jeff Arnold, Leif Smedman, Gaal Shepherd Crowl, Clare Forseth

Commission Members Absent

David Barrell

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gaal Crowl Seconded by: Jeff Arnold

In Favor All Opposed None

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? Approved

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

None

Old Business

1) Tree Warden was away: Green Mountain Power will look at the tree across the road in Wilder. Clifford Park also has a potentially dangerous tree over the trail. Park and Recreation will look again at the tree.

2) Discuss Pre ID walk, tree assignments and posting of public announcement for Tree ID walk on April 22nd.

- The tree assignments for discussion at the walk were made.
- Clare advertised on Hartford and Upper Valley listserv and emailed past participants. A sandwich board was placed outside Town Hall.
- Jeff notified Park and Recreation and the Valley News.

3) Review the status of the nursery.

- The trees are budding out nicely. A few cottonwoods have died.

4) Review plan and the timing for knotweed removal at "Grant" site and the collection of cottonwood stakes from Quechee and their planting.

- Board Members and Scott Hausler met outside to review the work that will be done to begin to mitigate the knotweed. Park and Rec will probably work the week of April 24th or before.
- Leif is spearheading the cottonwood stake project and has a number of stakes already in the ground where the knotweed will be monitored. He will reach out to the board when the next group of stakes will be planted. The board will involve the Conservation Commission and the Hartford Area Career and Technology class.

5) Plan for May 6th Arbor Day Sale and set time to pick out plants from Northern Nurseries and the removal and transport of our tree nursery's rootstock/saplings.

- Gaal and Jeff will go to Northern Nursery on Wednesday, May 3rd to pick out plants.
- Friday, May 5th the board will pull out saplings in our nursery at Maxfield.
- Sale will be from 9-11 AM, Saturday, May 6th.
- The board should be there at 8 AM to set up.
- Jeff will give Park & Recreation his advertisement. We will also advertise on list-serv and sandwich board outside Town Hall.
- Jeff will make a spreadsheet with the sale prices.

6) Contact Redstart Forestry about ordering replacement rootstock to replenish the Nursery.

- Jeff can drive to Redstart Forestry in Bradford and see if we can purchase some root stock.
- Clare will get in touch with Intervale.
- The Board will ask the tree warden if some money could be used from his budget to pay for the rootstock.

7) Joanne Garton will visit on May 23rd to go over the Tree Inventory App.

8) Go over possible species of trees that we can use to replace the two elms that were removed on Hartford Avenue and choose them.

- The board decided on an English oak and a hackberry, both of which are salt tolerant.

9) Discuss whether to cancel a summer ID walk and replace with activity related to invasive removal to meet our Grant objectives.

- The board decided to replace the summer ID Walk with getting volunteers to help with the invasive removal at the riparian buffer at Town Hall.

10) Tree of the Month report.

- The Ginkgo on South Main Street is planted too low and Scott will reach out to the contractors.
- May tree of the month will be the swamp oak on South Main Street.

11) Roundabout needs the water turned on.

- There is a problem with who will be responsible for metering the water.

12) The crab apple trees on route 5 still need work on pruning out some dead wood.

New Business

Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting

Landscape Guidelines

Next Meeting

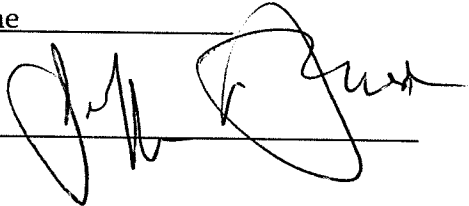
May 16, 2023

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Jeff Arnold No Quorum

Seconded by: Leif Smedman

All in Favor: All Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted by: Clare Forseth Signature: 

Date: April 19, 2023

Hartford Tree Board Commission Members

- Jeff Arnold, Chair (03/07/2025)
- Clare Forseth, Secretary (11/15/2024)
- David Barrell, Treasurer (06/01/2023)
- Leif Smedman, Member (06/01/2023)
- Gaal Shepherd Cowl (10/01/25)
- Jim Henderson, Tree Warden
- Vacant (2 positions)