

HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

6/18/24 | 5 pm | *Meeting called to order by* _Jeff Arnold_____

Commission Members In Attendance

Jeff Arnold, Chair, Gaal Shepherd Crowl, Mike Copp, David Barrell

Commission Members Absent

Clare Forseth, Alan Haehnel, Leif Smedman

Others in Attendance

N/A

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by: Gaal Sheperd Crowl_Seconded by: Mike Copp_____

In Favor _4_____ Opposed None_____

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? Approved_____

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

None

Old Business

- 1) Tree Warden Report: Jim Henderson donated five maples to the Tree Board that his family had previously donated to Northern Stage to landscape their outside venue. They were planted in large boxes which had to be removed and then four were planted in the front parking lot at Maxfield and one was planted in its back parking lot. The Katsura that was planted last year on Pine Street which was wind damaged during transport from a Southern NH nursery has died. I called Jim Lamontagne who planted the tree about getting it replaced. He told me that he would look into it.

- 2) Tree Nursery Report: I asked Dana Hazen our ex Tree Warden and current employee at Redstart Forestry if he could replace the six elderberry rootstock which we purchased from them that died in our nursery after their transplant into 3 gallon buckets. Unfortunately, he told that everything in their nursery has been planted so he could not help us. Jeff made a plan of the nursery showing where the nine species that we planted this year and the birches, oaks, sugar maples and a poplar, a redbud and a yellow wood are planted and their current state of health.
- 3) Gaal has a yellow birch, 2 lilacs, 2 pagoda dogwoods and a crabapple to donate to our nursery.
- 4) Activity planning: We will find a day when the weather isn't too hot and when people are free to work at clearing the invasives that have grown up among the plantings on both corners of the intersection of Highland Avenue and Rt 5.
Mike Copp suggested that we do our next tree ID walk at the Hartford Point Cemetery whose entrance is located on Rt. 14 under the I-91 bridge. It has wide variety of mature species of trees.
- 5) Tree of the Month are the Honey Locusts at the beginning of South Main Street.
- 6) Conference remarks: Lots of appreciation was given for Conference speaker Savannah Ferreira who is the state's expert on invasive insects. The outdoor demonstration of planting two maples showed us how difficult it is to plant a 2.5 inch diameter sapling whose roots are balled in burlap covered in a wire cage that need to be cut with wire cutters. The tree pruning demonstration showed how you can chisel away roots at the base of the tree that have started to wrap around the tree. One session explained what has to be done to plant trees along a state highway in Middlebury where permission has to be granted by the state. Permission was asked of homeowners before trees were planted in front of their houses along the state highway but it turned out to be more divisive than imagined since one homeowner didn't want a certain species of tree planted in front of their house and another didn't want to provide the care that was expected for the newly planted tree.
- 7) Project update: The stumps have been removed at Lyman but we still don't have a landscape architect's design for the planting of the trees that we intend to plant there. We will however plant the hackberry where the large pine once stood at the end of the point.
- 8) Urban News: The city of Chicago and Chicago's park District were granted a total of \$6.9 million in federal funds to plant 15,000 parkway trees, to do a 100% inventory of 250,000 trees in Chicago's Park District, and a 100% inventory of all of the City of Chicago's trees and the hiring of six junior tree surgeons to prune trees within a new grid based system that will replace a by-request model of pruning.

New Business

None

Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting

None

None

Next Meeting

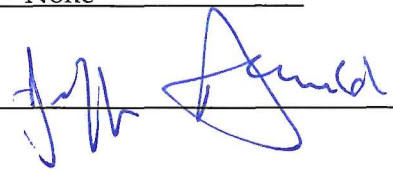
July 16, 2024 at 5 PM

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: David Barrell No Quorum _____

Seconded by: Jeff Arnold _____

All in Favor: All _____ Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted by: Jeff Arnold _____ Signature: 

Date: 6/18/24

Hartford Tree Board Commission Members

- Jeff Arnold, Chair (03/07/2025)
- Clare Forseth, Secretary (11/15/2024)
- David Barrell, Treasurer (06/25/2026)
- Leif Smedman, Member (06/25/2026)
- Gaal Shepherd Crowl Member and Deputy Tree Warden (2/10/25)
- Alan Haehnel Member (6/25/2026)
- Mike Copp (5/13/2027)
- Jeff Arnold, Tree Warden