

# HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

1/21/25 | 5 pm | *Meeting called to order by* \_Jeff Arnold\_\_\_\_\_

## Commission Members In Attendance

Jeff Arnold, Chair, Jazmin Guyette, Leif Smedman, Alan Haehnel, Mike Copp, Clare Forseth

## Commission Members Absent

David Barrell

## Others in Attendance

Scott Housler, Director of Parks and Recreation

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jazmin Guyette      Seconded by: Mike Copp

In Favor : All Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? November minutes were approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Arnold      Seconded by: Clare Forseth

In Favor: All      Opposed: None

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? December minutes were approved with correction of the spelling of Jazmin Guyette's name..

## Citizen Comments

None

## Commission Member Comments

None

## Directors Report

None

## Old Business

Mission: The Tree Board's mission is to plant and maintain public trees and advocate community tree stewardship.

Tree Board Vision: The tree board vision is to initiate an energetic community tree stewardship

program, to promote education, tree plantings, maintenance, and ecological awareness, and to enhance the visual beauty of the Town of Hartford through the redevelopment of an historic tree canopy.

1) Tree Warden Report: No new calls were received. The difficulties in paying Bartlett for their services has been corrected and they will get paid. Jeff still plans on major pruning of 9 mature honey locusts north of the Shady Lawn Motel along with air spading, adding biochar and mulch. Jeff may need to get current bids for this work.

2) Jeff submitted the 2024 activities for Tree Warden and Tree Board to the Town for the Annual Report.

3) Sketch out a schedule for the year:

- Mix and Mingle Talk on March 7, 2025: Alan agreed to present for the Tree Board. It was suggested that he talk about the work on the riparian buffer for the past 2 years and the planting of new trees at Lyman Point Park and Town Hall. Clare will share with Alan before and after photos of the area.
- Jeff will order rootstock from Redstart in late May. New pots will need to be ordered and soil/compost will be bought from Northern Nurseries to pot the rootstock.
- Arbor Day sale will be May 3rd. On April 30 2 or 3 Board members will go to Northern Nurseries to pick out shrubs and perennials. Scott's team will pick up the plants at the nursery for the May 3 sale.
- Scott and Jazmin will connect with Mike at Northern Nurseries about supporting the Tree Board for our sale. April. Also to ask about small fruit trees and a sassafras tree.
- Tree ID Walks: Spring walk could be at Quechee Section 5 (The Wilderness area) on May 31, summer walk on July 26th at Town Hall/Lyman Park, and fall Tree ID walk coordinate with science 7th grade teacher Becca Osborn. Jazmin will contact Becca.
- Planting shrubs at Lyman Point: Saturday, June 7th the board will try to get 10-12 volunteers to plant the shrubs we have in our nursery.

4) Further consideration on how to prepare and place QR codes on trees planted by the municipality or tree board; what that may look like, what the committee should consider and/or need to roll out for the Project.

- Jazmin presented 3 styles for the QR codes. One brought you to a landing page and from there to information pages on each tree, a second style would be to go directly to pages of information on the trees. A third style would bring you to pages that highlighted information about the Town mixed with why/when this tree was planted. A link could go to established tree identification information. The Board would work with the Marketing department.
- Jazmin will talk to Scott about the link to the marketing people at Hartford Town Information. She will report out in February meeting.

5) Urban Forestry News Items: 3 Keys to Assessing Tree Risks like a

Professional. Adam McCoulller. Adam contends that many times a tree is taken down unnecessarily. He suggests not to take down a tree unless you think it'll fail in a year. 1 in 10,000,000 people actually will die from falling trees. There are about 34 deaths a year from hazardous trees.

6. Election of new officers:

- Clare made a motion and was seconded by Leif to nominate Jazmin for Chair, Mike for Vice-chair, David for Treasurer and Clare for Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended 6:30 pm

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## New Business

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None

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## Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting

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Mike will share a website that gives information about soil types at a later meeting.  
Jazmin will report back about QR ideas after meeting with the Marketing person.  
Continued discussion on QR codes.

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## Next Meeting

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February 18, 2025

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## Adjourn

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Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Jeff Arnold      Quorum \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: Clare Forseth

All in Favor: \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted by: Clare Forseth    Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/23/25

### **Hartford Tree Board Commission Members**

- Jeff Arnold, Chair (03/ 07/ 2025)
- Clare Forseth, Secretary (11/ 15/ 2027)
- David Barrell, Treasurer (06/ 01/ 2026)
- Leif Smedman, Member (06/ 01/ 2026)
- Alan Haehnel, Member (2026)
- Jazmin Guyette, Member (8/ 27)
- Mike Copp, Member (5/ 27)
- Jeff Arnold,, Tree Warden