

HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

2/18/25 / 5 pm | *Meeting called to order by* _Jazmin Guyette_____

Commission Members In Attendance

Jazmin Guyette, Chair, David Barrell, Alan Haehnel, Mike Copp, Clare Forseth

Commission Members Absent

Leif Smedman, Jeff Arnold

Others in Attendance

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Alan Haehnel _Seconded by: Mike Copp

In Favor _____ All _____ Opposed _____ None _____

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? January 21,2025 minutes approved

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

None

Old Business

Tree Warden Report Update: Jazmin gave an update on Tree Warden's report in Jeff Arnold's absence.

- Jeff submitted the Tree City USA report for the Town of Hartford's recognition.
- Bartlett Tree Service was paid.
- Spade work on the roots of the honey locust trees on Route 14 will be done in the spring.
- Jeff provided recommendations on possible hazard trees in Wilder.

2025 Calendar/Scheduling Discussion

- Added Wednesday February 19th 11:30-12:30 Webinar on Tree Ordinances: Jazmin will try to attend.

- Added Thursday, May 29th Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Conference: Members of the Board have attended in the past.
- Review Full 2025 Calendar: The Board will continue to review the calendar each month.

Project Updates:

- Selectboard Presentation: Jazmin will present to the Selectboard on March 18th at 6 pm. The Board is encouraged to attend.
- QR Codes: Jazmin met with Scott Hausler and discussed how the Board can work with the Town as we highlight trees in Lyman Point Park. This discussion will be ongoing.
- Tree of the Month (beginning in April): Jeff has agreed to take over the Tree of the Month program. Clare and Jeff will meet to hand over the necessary materials. April Tree of the Month will be the limber pine in Wilder in front of Datamann.
- Northern Nurseries (Arbor Day Sale): Jazmin will contact Mike at Northern Nurseries to see when a good day in the last week of April would be to pick out stock for the Tree and Shrub Sale on May 3rd.
- The presentation for Mix & Mingle Clare has sent Alan pictures and some background information. They will talk to finalize the presentation, and Alan will be present on Friday, March 7th. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- Volunteers: Scott indicated that if volunteers are needed for a project, that his office should be notified so they can help advertise.
- Educational: Urban Forestry News Item: Ordinance Basics Course (Tree City USA)

Proposed Items:

- By-Laws Edits (Last Updated 2015): Jazmin will send a copy of the Tree Board's By-Laws that have not been updated since 2015. The Board is encouraged to read them and offer corrections/updates at the next meeting. The Shade Tree Policy should be discussed.
- Change in Meeting Dates/Times: At the present, the Board will not make any changes.
- Branding & Merchandise: Discussion on coming up with a more modern logo that could be used on educational items and merchandise that could spread our recognition in Town. This will be an ongoing discussion.

New Business

None

Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting

- Tree and Shrub Sale assignments and review dates and times.
- By-Laws review
- Shade Tree and Tree Board Ordinances

Next Meeting

March 18, 2025

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: David Barrell

No Quorum _____

Seconded by: Alan Haehnel

All in Favor: all Opposed: none

Respectfully submitted by: Clare Forseth/Jazmin Guyette Signature: _____

Date: 2/19/2025

Hartford Tree Board Commission Members

- Jeff Arnold, Member (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)
- Jazman Guyette, Chair (8/27)
- Mike Copp, Vice-Chair (5/27)
- Jeff Arnold, Tree Warden