

HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

June 17, 2020 | 5 pm | Meeting called to order by Jazmin Guyette _____

Commission Members In Attendance

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

Commission Members Absent

None

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Director of Parks and Recreation

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? April minutes were approved. No meeting in May.

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

None

Old Business

1. Bylaws update, education size. Tree warden and TB different assignments: Jazmin is currently in communication with the Selectboard and Tree Warden to help define each entity's role in caring for the community's trees. Once the roles have been clarified, the Board will update their bylaws.

2. Tree Warden Report Update: An RFP for \$9900 by Gallagher Tree Service was accepted by the Tree Warden and the Town manager to remove five trees at the end of Bliss Road and a pine leaning paver Campbell St. The Tree Warden will also see how much Gallagher will charge to remove the dead elm tree on Pine St near the Coop.

3. Arbor Day Tree Sale Debriefing: There was great turnout. The buyers found the information for planting, and the labeling for each tree was really helpful. Many reported they were looking for flowering trees (for pollinators), fruiting shrubs and trees and larger trees. As a result, the Board purchased native root stock from East Hill Tree Farm which included larger fruit trees and other interesting species. A note was made to select more forsythia which sold very well. A number of patrons would like to see stickers with the Trees Matter logo. Park and Recreation uses Sticker Mule for their stickers. Miranda's cookies were a big hit. It was suggested that we might invite other organizations that might like to share their information related to trees, soil, etc. In the past the Board has invited Little Tree to set up his booth with info on EAB.

4. Project & Events Discussions:

- Mike will take over the Tree of the Month project. Naming a Tree of the Year was discussed with more ideas and discussion to follow.
- Nursery- Watering Schedule: The new trees have been planted in pots and a work day will be scheduled to mulch the trees. Mike will inquire at Northern Nurseries to find out about the town delivering the mulch. We will water the trees using the hose nozzle or a sprinkler. Scott will look for a guard to protect the hose across the road.
 - Watering Schedule: Jazmin and Mike in June, Alan and David in July, Clare, Jazmin in August

5. Upcoming Events/Planning (Communications/Flyers)

- Tree ID Walks: Spring ID Walk was canceled. Summer ID Walk on July 19th 10 AM to noon, will be at Lyman Point Park/Town Hall. Clare will inform the people at the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program that the trees planted under the Communities Caring For Canopy Grant will be highlighted as well as their Program. Jazmin will advertise with Park and Rec, Clare will advertise with Listserv and email to past participants and the sandwich board. A Fall ID Walk will be coordinated with Hartford Middle School's tree ID science unit. Date to be determined. A winter tree ID walk (date to be determined) will highlight a tree's bark and buds.

6. Clare updated the Board on the CCC Grant work. She would like to have another work session to continue raising the crown and maybe serious work on the Connecticut side of the buffer. Scott and Clare will continue discussions about mitigating the knotweed with his Harley Rake and planting rye grass so his crew can mow the area. Where to plant the native shrubs will be up for discussion.

7. Education Discussion: Open to Ideas to generate support to the Board's vision.

New Business

Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting

Continue discussions about coordination with Hartford Town Library, update bylaws, finalize Tree ID walk, Communities Caring about Canopy Grant update.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Clare Forseth No Quorum _____

Seconded by: David Barrell

All in Favor: All Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted by: Clare Forseth Signature: _____

Date: June 19, 2025

Hartford Tree Board Commission Members

- Clare Forseth, Secretary (11/15/2027)
- David Barrell, Treasurer (06/01/2026)
- Jazmin Guyette, Chair (8/2027)
- Mike Copp, Vice Chair (5/2027)
- Alan Haehnel (6/1/26)
- Jeff Arnold, Tree Warden
- Vacant (2 positions)