

HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

Date October 21, 2025 | time 5 pm | Meeting called to order by Jazmin Guyette _____

Commission Members In Attendance

Jazmin Guyette, Alan Haehnel, Gaal Shepherd Crowl, Clare Forseth

Commission Members Absent

Mike Copp, David Barrell

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Park and Recreation Director

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve July 15, 2025 minutes was made by :Alan Haehnel Seconded by: Gaal Crowl

In Favor: All Opposed: None

The motion to approve July 15, 2025 minutes was Approved or Disapproved? Approved

A motion to approve August 19, 2025 minutes was made by :Clare Foreth Seconded by: Jazmin Guyette

In Favor: All Opposed: None

The motion to approve August 19, 2025 minutes was Approved or Disapproved? Approved

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comment

None

Directors Report

None

Old Business

1) Tree Warden Report: The pruning of the honey locusts in Hartford Village and along Hartford Point Cemetery began on Sept 23rd and was completed by Sept 25th. The 9 trees along the cemetery look much better now with all their many dead branches removed and the four honey locusts in Hartford Village were

trimmed heavily on the building side of the sidewalk so are lopsided in shape. Timber Tenders didn't want to do a "power line" prune but I insisted on it in order to satisfy the owners of buildings who were complaining that the branches were rubbing up against their buildings and in one case dropping leaves on a flat topped building and clogging its rooftop drains.

Had a request from John Sherman to look at four oaks that appear unhealthy to him on Hillridge Rd in Hartford Village because he was worried about his liability since they are growing in the ROW. I visited and they don't show any signs of dying branches. Will reevaluate next Spring.

Alan reported a dangerous branch: on the VA Cut off near the Fire Station on the same side. He will report the hazard to Jeff Arnold.

2) Nursery:

Watering: Watering is done for the season.

Nursery Parameter: It was suggested that the nursery gets expanded so the placement of the trees can be alternated each year.

Winter Preparation: No preparation is needed.

3) Tree of the Month: The Tree of the Month program is put on hold for the winter months.

4) Upcoming Events/Planning(Communications/Flyers)

Fall ID Walk (Middle School Updates): The Friday, October 31st at 1:30 ID walk will be the path behind the ice rink. We will meet teachers Becca and Gary in the lobby of Middle school. The walk will include a scavenger hunt that Jazmin will organize, but could use help with suggestions or ideas. It was suggested that the Tree Board might donate an apple tree to the Middle School.

Winter ID Walk: If a winter ID is decided, we could make a path around the field at Watson Park which is level and accessible. Park and Recreation has snow shoes that could be made available.

5) Grant Update: The Tree Board was given a three month extension so that the riparian buffer can be cleared of vines and tree branches be raised especially along the Connecticut side as well as removal of trees that fell during the spring storm. Clare has almost finished planting the native shrubs.

New Business

Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting

Next Meeting

November 18, 2025

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Gaal Crowl _____

Seconded by: Alan Haehnel _____

All in Favor: _____ All _____ Opposed: None _____

Respectfully submitted by: Clare Forseth _____ Signature: _____

Date: 10/24/25 _____

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 Member (6/01/2026)
- Gaal Shepherd Crowl Member (8/2028)
- Vacant (1 positions)