

HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

11/18/25 | 5:05 pm | Meeting called to order by Jazmin Guyette

Commission Members In Attendance

Jazmin Guyette, Chair, Gaal Shepherd Crowl, Clare Forseth, David Barrell

Commission Members Absent

Alan Haehnel, Mike Copp

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gaal Shepherd Crowl Seconded by: David Barrell

In Favor All Opposed None

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? October 2025 Minutes was Approved

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

None

Old Business

1) Tree Warden Report: Last month, Scott Cooney, reported that a Norway Maple in front of Clerkin Agency at 565 Maple St had one of its two trunks hollowed out so I recommended its removal while keeping the adjacent healthy trunk. I also proposed that the tree surgeon prune the Norway Maple on the next lot since its branches overhang the house as well as prune the next two street trees as you head to Barrel St. I haven't heard back from the tree surgeons yet. The tree appears quite stable so it is not an emergency.

2) Bylaws and Re-Organization (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer). The Board's revision to the Bylaws: Removal of first paragraph since it did not reflect the purpose of the Tree Board. Describe Director of Parks and Recreation as liaison and Tree Warden as an ex-officio member. Eliminate the position of Treasurer

since the Town administers the account. David made a motion to accept the revised Bylaws, Gaal seconded and it was passed unanimously.

3) Projects and Events Discussions:

- Twin Pines Development on Sykes Mountain Avenue: Scott relayed comments from the Tree Board to the Planning Commission. He emphasized that the project needed to be sure all new trees planted be watered for a year.
- Tree ID Walk with Middle School: Gaal, David and Clare reported a fun outing with the students who seemed interested in learning about trees on the path behind their school.
- Nursery: The nursery is put to bed and Jazmin reported that most of the preparation for the next sale is set. In February/March the Board should begin selecting and buying the next round of trees for the nursery for sale in 2027. Redstart and East Hill Tree Farm were two places mentioned to select trees.
- Tree of the Month: Tree of the Month will continue in 2026 when the ground thaws enough to put a sign in.
- Upcoming Events/Planning: The Board would like to try a Winter ID Walk perhaps at Watson Park and will continue to plan the walk at the December meeting.

4) Grant Updates: Clare is still waiting for Timber Tenders to work on the trees that came down during the spring storm so she can send in the final report.

New Business

Duties of Officers: Clare will continue as secretary. Jazmine would like to step down temporarily from the Chair position due to personal family matters. Gaal and Clare agreed to step in and share the position.

Mike Copp has an ongoing conflict with the Board's present meeting dates and the Board would like to consider another day of the week or a Tuesday that is not the third Tuesday of the month.

Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting

New days for meetings. Discuss Tree ID Walk. Be thinking of tree selection for February meeting.

Next Meeting

December 16, 2025

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Gaal Crowl Seconded by: David Barrell_____

All in Favor: All_____ Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted by: Clare Forseth _____ Signature: _____

Date: 11/19/25_____

Hartford Tree Board Commission Members

- Clare Forseth, Secretary (11/15/2027)
- Jazmin Guyette, Chair (8/2027)
- Mike Copp, Vice Chair (5/2027)
- David Barrell, Treasurer (06/01/2026)
- Gaal Shepherd Cowl Member (8/2028)
- Alan Haehnel Member (6/2026)
- One position open
- Jeff Arnold, Tree Warden