

# HARTFORD TREE BOARD MINUTES

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6/18/2026 5:18 pm | Meeting called to order by \_Jazmin Guyette\_\_\_\_\_

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## Commission Members In Attendance

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- Jazmin Guyette, Chair
- Mike Copp, Vice Chair
- Gaal Shepherd Crowl
- David Barrell, Treasurer
- Mitchell Spenler

## Commission Members Absent

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## Others in Attendance

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- Scott Hausler, Director of Parks and Recreation

## Approval of Minutes

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A motion was made by: Gaal Shepherd Crowl Seconded by: Mike Copp

In Favor: All                      Opposed: None

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? Meeting Minutes from April 2026 were APPROVED

## Citizen Comments

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None

## Commission Member Comments

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None

## Directors Report

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None

## Old Business

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- **Tree Warden Report:**
  - (Email received) Warden provided updates on two trees on Hazen Street that are scheduled for removal by Bartlett for \$3,600. The Hartford's Health Officer requested an inspection of hazardous trees within the Merrimac Circle Trailer Park. After evaluation, the Warden's recommendations were to remove a dead maple and to prune the dead branches from two fir trees and another dying maple at that location.
- **Bylaws, Reorganization and Recruitment:**

- o **Bylaws:** Received feedback from the Select Board; the Tree Board was provided with the comments for review. The Board will plan to review the bylaws in depth at the upcoming meeting.
- o **Reorganization:** The Board will continue to defer assigning new committee roles at this time. Continue as an ongoing discussion.
- o **Recruitment:** Mike Copp proposed a recruitment effort to engage with food coop stores to use their parking lots to set up locations to speak with potential volunteers in the community. Gaal volunteered to reach out to a contact she has through the Coop; will bring back to the Board for discussion. Other potential routes for recruitment efforts mentioned include digital communications through Parks & Recreation emails and engaging with the Chamber of Commerce. The Board will continue to look for recruitment opportunities.

- **Projects & Events Discussion:**

- o **Tree Sale:**

- Board discussion focused on the Arbor Day Tree Sale that occurred on May 9, 2026. It was another successful year; total sales were \$2,613.50, and we sold almost 80% of the plants available. The Educational Tree Walk held at the same time was a great addition to the sale and provided valuable information on how to plant a tree and the role that fungi plays. The Board was happy to have the Garden Club join us for the sale.

- o **Nursey:**

- Given the timing of the year, to ensure the success of the rootstock, the Board decided that ordering and planting trees will occur in the fall.
- Mike and Jazmin shared updates on maintenance done to the nursery, including mowing and watering. It was noted that the Board is still pending mulch and dirt.
- New watering schedule for 2026:
  - July- Gaal & David
  - August- Mitchell & Mike
  - September- Jazmin

- o **Tree of the Month:**

- New idea: post online a digital post about a tree anywhere within the community, shared monthly in the digital newsletter.
- Each Board member was requested to identify a tree, capture a photo, and provide a write-up to be included as part of this initiative.

- o **Upcoming Events- Summer ID Walk**

- Maxfield Sports Complex is the location for the next Tree ID walk, scheduled for **August 15 (Saturday) from 9 to 12**. Jazmin to share information with Parks & Recreation for community communications.

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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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- Nursery Purchases (Watering hose, mulch, dirt, etc.)
- Bylaws

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## Next Meeting

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Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 5:15 pm

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## Adjourn

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Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jazmin Guyette (6:08pm)

Seconded by: Mike Copp

All in Favor: All      Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted by: Jazmin Guyette      Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6/18/2026

## **Hartford Tree Board Commission Members**

- Jazmin Guyette, Chair (08/2027)
- Mike Copp, Vice Chair (5/2027)
- David Barrell, Treasurer (06/2026)
- Gaal Shepherd Crawl, Member (8/2028)
- Mitchell Spenler, Member (12/2028)
- Jeff Arnold, Tree Warden
- Vacant (2 positions)

**Tree Warden Report:**

June 16, 2026

To the Tree Board,

On Wednesday June 17, two trees on Hazen St will be taken down by Bartlett for the price of \$3,600. Hartford's Health Officer had me inspect some hazardous trees located inside the Merrimac Circle Trailer Park. My recommendation to the owner and the health officer was to remove a dead maple and to prune the dead branches from two fir trees and another dying maple at that location.

Regards,

Jeff Arnold