

Tree Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 2023

Present: Dr. Dan Zerbe, Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Steve Deaton, James Reynolds, Karen Wyant

School Program: It was suggested to create a time capsule and possibly bury it on the Arbor Day event at Memorial Park or at the MH/HS. James will contact the MH/HS shop teacher about building a container. Judging of poems will take place in April. Poems are due March 20th.

Tree Removal request for 5 Fruit Street: After viewing pictures of the tree, it was suggested that one branch that may be problematic be trimmed since the tree is in good shape.

A request to remove a new planting on 18 Elm Street was received. It was proposed to move it to 10 Elm Street.

Spring Planting locations: Memorial Park, Elm Street, Grove Street, Spring Street.

Fall Planting locations: Gardeau Street, Lake Street, Dolbeer, Park Place, Needham, Water Street, Tempest Street (after new sidewalk installation), Walnut and Lower Gardeau

Master Plan Draft was reviewed. It was suggested to add an appendix to list trees planted rather than list them within the plan. A couple of other edits were also made.

Beaver damage and the Outlet Trail: A couple of possible solutions were discussed such as painting tree trunks with special abrasive paint or using a wire mesh. It was suggested to plant Butternut trees since beaver do not like them. Dan is going to look into ordering 25 saplings to plant at the outlet.

New Business: The past wind storms damaged many trees. We will perform a “windshield survey” this summer to determine the other trees at risk.

Work Dates: Will start work days in March. Next board meeting will be Thursday, March 30th.

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