

Bridgewater Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting Convening on March 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Link to Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= bee-BITleE>

A. Call to Order at 2:00 pm

B. Minutes

1) February 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Shirley Krasinsky motioned to approve the February 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes with an amendment regarding the discussion of the Town Planner's recommendation which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Old Business

1) Trees near CVS

Ray spoke with the manager of CVS who unfortunately was not aware of who would handle the trees. He will further research to find out if CVS will pay for the removal and replacement of the trees. Paul DeCosta will also reach out to CVS to assist.

2) Broad Street Tree

The committee discussed the type of tree that would be best suited for the Broad Street location. Once the tree is decided, the committee will request that mitigation money be used for the tree if it cannot be paid for from the general fund.

3) Town Regulation on Trees

The committee discussed its role and working with other boards, commissions, and committees. Raymond Ajemian will be making a formal request to the town boards and committees to inquire about their power regarding trees. Nicole Holmes will work on requirements for arbor day and becoming a tree city.

Shirley Krasinski motioned to create a sub-committee dealing with rules and regulations regarding trees be formed which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4) John Hart – Parks and Recreation

Mr. Hart will be invited to the next Tree Committee meeting.



5) Arbor Day and Tree City

Nicole Holmes researched on the National website for re-applying to have Bridgewater become a "Tree City" and shared the presentation from Tree City USA. Nicole will be sending out the information she obtained to the committee. Members from the Tree Committee will reach out to the Town Manager to assist with the application as well.

6) Shade Tree Ordinance

Bill Maltby will work on the shade tree ordinance.

D. Additional Items for Discussion

1) Next Meeting: April 11th, 2023 at 2:00

E. Adjournment of Meeting

Shirley Krasinski motioned to adjourn at 3:18pm which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw