



Bridgewater Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting Convening on June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM

A. Call to Order at 2:00 pm

B. Minutes

1) May 9th Meeting Minutes

Shirley Krasinsky motioned to approve the May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Old Business

1) Recommended Trees

James updated the committee on his progress with the tree list. The street trees list was expanded from an older list with additions and removal of the types of trees.

2) Shade Tree Ordinance

Josh has begun work on a draft for the Tree Ordinance and is expected to present in July.

3) Tree Watering

Paul Decosta updated the committee on the tree watering for the newly planted trees.

4) Forestry Department/Bucket Truck

Paul estimates that a 60' bucket truck costs about 140k. This information will be passed along to the Town Manager.

Shirley Krasinsky motioned to recommend the estimated costs, provided by Paul Decosta for the pricing of the bucket truck, be submitted to the Town Manager. The motion was approved unanimously.

5) CVS Trees Update

Paul has not had any luck getting in touch with someone to discuss the replacement of the decaying trees. The trees have been removed, but no new trees have been planted.



6) Recommended Trees

James shared the list that him and Pat Neary came up with for recommended Trees in the town. They will continue to research and edit the list of trees that can be planted in Bridgewater. Once finished, the committee will review the list before taking a vote.

7) Cherry Picker

The committee discussed the possibility of completing an economic analysis for a forestry department vs hiring outside services for maintenance of trees. The discussion included the cost of a cherry picker and a full-time position to maintain healthy trees within town.

Shirley Krasinski motioned to recommend that a forestry department be established which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Additional Items for Discussion

1) Next Meeting: May 9th, 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