



Bridgewater Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting Convening on April 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM

- A. Call to Order at 2:00 pm**
- B. Minutes**

1) March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Shirley Krasinsky motioned to approve the March 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. New Business**

1) Arbor Day & Tree City Update

Nicole Holmes updated the committee on the status of Arbor Day and designating Bridgewater as a Tree City. The Town Council voted unanimously to vote in an Arbor Day proclamation for the Town of Bridgewater on the last Friday of April. The committee would like to celebrate Arbor Day with two tree plantings at Marathon Park.

Bill Maltby motioned to accept the two trees from National Grid, as two red maple trees, to be planted at Marathon Park which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- D. Old Business**

1) Shade Tree Ordinance

Bill is continuing to work on the ordinance and hopes to have something prepared to present to the committee during the May meeting.

2) 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.

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.



3) 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.

4) 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.

5) 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.

E. Additional Items for Discussion

1) Next Meeting: May 9th, 2023 at 2:00

F. Adjournment of Meeting

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

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw