



Town of Bridgewater

Tree Committee

August 8, 2023

2:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

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To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 894 531 002 81

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) June 13, 2023
 - b) July 11, 2023
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Old Business**
 - a) Recommended Trees - Pat/James
 - b) Tree City Update - Nicole
 - c) Tree Ordinance - Bill/Josh
 - d) Tree Watering - Paul
 - e) Pamphlets on trees for the public
 - f) Garden Club Offer - Ray
 - g) Fall Projects
- E. New Business**
 - a) Crescent St. Trees
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**



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



Bridgewater Tree Committee

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

A. Call to Order at 2:00 pm

B. Minutes

1) June 13th Meeting Minutes

The committee will vote the minutes at the August meeting.

C. Old Business

1) Recommended Trees

Pat updated the committee on the preparation of the list. James and Pat have been working off the existing list as well as incorporating the list from the Town of Framingham. Two lists are being proposed, one short list for subdivisions and a second list as a "general" list.

2) Shade Tree Ordinance

Josh submitted the first 4 sections of the Shade Tree Ordinance for the committee to review. The committee feels that additional definitions can be included, and the chair will ask Bill to review the Tree Warden section.

3) Tree Watering

The treegators are on the newly planted trees at Marathon Park.

4) Forestry Department

Paul has recommended a 50ft bucket truck, forestry department foreman, and a forestry department and laborer.

Shirley Krasinski motioned to send a list of necessities to create the forestry department with an estimated cost of \$225,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

5) Tree Mitigation Recommendation

Nicole shared the proposed mitigation for protected trees, clear cutting, and open space restoration.

6) Pamphlets on Trees for the Public

The committee is still considering what information should be added to the pamphlets and will further discuss at the August meeting.

7) Garden Club Offer

The Garden Club would like to host a joint event with the Tree Committee that would possibly include a tree planting.



8) Possible Fall Projects

The committee is considering plantings for the fall with locations to be proposed at the meeting in August.

D. Adjournment of Meeting

Shirley Krasinski motioned to adjourn at 3:36pm which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw