

Our Town Trees
April 22, 2019

Present: C. Geiser, B. Critchley, L. Davis, B. Sutcliffe, J. Barnett, H. Birdsall, J. Clark
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.
There was no treasury report.

Old Business

A. Stump removal: Thanks to great effort by the Tree Warden, the stump on the Liberty St Green has been removed. H. Birdsall made a motion which was seconded by B. Sutcliffe, that we spend \$162.50 for the stump removal to split the cost with the Town. The motion was approved.

B. Arbor Day: B. Critchley reported that the Pierson School requested a change in the date due to the weather forecast. There was some discussion about alternate dates, with a decision of May 3rd and May 10th as alternative dates. B. Critchley will notify the school; C. Geiser will contact the Arbor Garden Club. A copy of the proclamation will be sent to Town Hall. The Arbor Garden Club paid for the tree and will pick it up. DPW will dig the hole. Arbor Day signs were distributed.

C. High School plan: C. Geiser received a copy of the tree plan for the school plantings. There was discussion about what steps to take next.

D. Tree Walk status: Will pick a date for later this spring to walk the property.

E. Tree Tags: postponed to a later meeting.

F. Firehouse: L. Davis reported she spoke with Mrs Allen and she would still like to see the tree planted at the Firehouse. She also spoke with Brian Manware who stated that there are several stipulations he needs met before planting. He said that he needs to know the future size of the tree, the potential root growth of the tree, etc. There was some discussion about his requests. We will look into this further.

G. Regional Committee Report: J. Barnett and L. Davis to attend the 4/25 meeting. Also, J. Barnett spoke about a Workshop to be held on 4/28 in Fairfield. Could be interesting to attend, or to host something similar ourselves in the future.

H. EAB update: There are several reports of sighted EAB damaged trees in Clinton. The Tree Warden is looking at potential hazards on town roads among them. J. Barnett spoke about her research into how to handle an outbreak, whether or not the trees could be treated or simply removed.

There was no new business.

Correspondence: The Tree Warden requested that the committee thank Citizens Bank for the removal stump removals and tree planting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Critchley,
secretary