

HSTC Minutes 4/3/2023 Meeting

1. 7:05 PM Steve J called meeting to order
 - a. In attendance: Steve J., Dina S., Robin S, Karen G, Mike B.
2. Public duly notified of meeting's occurrence
3. Motion to approve minutes by Steve J; Seconded by Karen G.; all approved.

160 Surbeck: Norman and Bert Weil attended to discuss the town Locust tree on their property. Tree is healthy but roots pose an issue. It was suggested in past that they can remove tree at their expense. No action taken. Committee listened to their concerns. Weils offered to pay for tree removal. Committee advised that a decision would be made. Weils were dismissed. M Brice motioned that HSTC recommend to town that the Weils be allowed to remove said tree at their expense but must plant a tree from the approved list. Steve J. seconded the motion. All approved.

Old Business:

1. 209 Harrison: Town offered \$12,000 and was accepted. Issue closed.
2. WTP List:
 - a. Underway
 - b. Margaret to notify when done
 - c. Dina to confirm with Margaret re: stumps
3. Spring Planting is a goal: Karen G has the list. How many trees and need to add additional locations.
 - a. 15 trees, selected 3 varieties
 - b. For future: when list is developed, must note any height issues

- c. Dina -> HSTC -> Lisa Sims \$7,600 -> council & approved
- d. DPW to mark where plant trees

New Business

1. Look at Whitman & Memorial, blue dots
2. 226 Haworth Ave:
 - a. Measure stumps, path and easement
 - b. Develop evaluation
 - c. Determine fine
3. Construction Checklist: no mention of Tree Ordinance
4. Tree Issues:
 - a. 194 Garfield – on 2024 WTP for removal
 - b. 256 Garfield: homeowner wants anthracnose treated on 2 sycamore trees and for town to pay for it. This is not a town issue. This needs to be noted in Tree Ordinance. Town is not treating the trees. Homeowner is allowed to do so
 - c. 340 Valley Road: Put on urgent removal
 - d. 280 Crocker: Walkway to Swim Club; DPW addressing
 - e. 161 Myrtle: homeowner wants to re-do driveway and wants tree removed. Robin S to evaluate health of tree
 - i. No action on tree; homeowner can do work on driveway
5. Social Media effort recommended: Robin S. to lead effort
 - a. HSTC to give direction
 - b. Dina to make Facebook page
6. Clean up Day: 4/22
7. Tree Farm: need to determine what can or should be done with space. Dina to discuss with Council. Needs more discussion
8. 2023 Focus:

- a. Enhance Borough awareness of what HSTC does
 - i. How inform public?
 - 1. Link on town web page & newsletter? Robin S to handle and work with Karen G e.g. types of trees
 - 2. Arbor Day: Robin met with School
 - a. Consider planting one tree from HSTC approved tree list. School needs to check budget & where would tree be planted
 - b. Grants: seek out more opps to fund planting (noted in Dina's report below)
 - i. Carbon offsets
 - ii. Must do in conjunction with Borough
 - iii. Dina to send list of Grantors/possible Grant opps with deadlines. Pending
 - 1. Karen G to focus
 - c. Improve relationship with DPW. On hold as new Supervisor pending
 - d. Where plant town trees; HSTC to make notes and submit
9. Dina's report:
 - a. Listed Grant opps.
 - i. NJDEP Grant: Dina to focus
 - b. Arbor Day Planting: Robin S to handle seedling email
 - c. Urban & Community Forestry Report
 - i. Concern w/ statement of tree budget
 - ii. Tree education
 - iii. Annual Accomplishments
 - d. Swim Club:
 - 1. Consider tree re-forestry; grants are available

10. Mike B: update on Tree Ordinance: draft worked on by joint comm. To be distributed to both HSTC and EC to confirm on right track
 - a. We need to determine what is a borough tree
 - b. HSTC members to send their comments to Karen G and Mike B. Will be reviewed at 4/3 meeting
11. With Margaret leaving = opportunity to clean up communication and process. Copy of tracking sheet needed
12. Dina to send outline of direction for Contractors
13. Motion to adjourn
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm