

HSTC Minutes 6/5/2023 Meeting

1. 7:06 PM Steve J called meeting to order
 - a. In attendance: Steve J., Dina S., Robin S, Karen G, Annette M, Mike B., Joanne Myung
2. Public duly notified of meeting's occurrence
3. Motion to approve amended minutes Robin; Seconded by Annette.; all approved.

Old Business:

1. 161 Myrtle: Motion made: Homeowner is allowed to remove the noted tree at their expense but must plant 2 trees from approved list on homeowner's property in borough right of way. If only 1 tree is viable, then homeowner will make a donation of \$500.00 to Borough Shade Tree Fund for planting of a tree on Borough property. Motion seconded by M. Brice; all approved. Dina to present to homeowner
2. Joanne reviewed tree notification process and Tree issue list
3. WTP List:
 - a. Complete
 - b. Stumps: on 2023 will be on 2024 WTP list
 - c. 421 Jefferson: small tree – ask DPW to address
4. 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
 - e. HSTC members to note where to plant trees in their respective zones; Since grant not possible, this info will be used for future opportunities

- f. Current budget = \$2,600; \$8,619 in reserve; \$7,630 for spring planting, Steve J made motion to approve, MB second, all approved. Balance = \$889.00 + \$2,600 = \$3,489 remaining; waiting on Town Finance committee to approve
 - g. Grant \$ = ideal for 317 Harrison park area
5. Eagle Scout Tim Kolkebeck completed Latern Fly Trap Project

New Business

- 1. Look at Whitman & Memorial, blue dots; Dina: hold up on taking down trees; still open
- 2. 226 Haworth Ave:
 - a. Measure stumps, path and easement: Steve J did so.
 - b. 5 town trees were removed
 - c. Determine fine: \$18,900 + \$1,000/tree; offer \$15,000; pending
- 3. Construction Checklist: no mention of Tree Ordinance; still open
- 4. Tree Issues: Complete list was reviewed with Joanne.

Below are noteworthy

- a. 329 Haworth Ave: M Brice to review 341 Whitman: on list for removal 2024
- b. 87 Owatana: stump to be removed ASAP – help with Drain repair issue; Steve J to speak with Joanne
- c. 340 Valley Road: Put on urgent removal per Steve J
- d. Park Street Playground: 2 trees to be addressed; Steve J to speak with Joanne
- e. 161 Myrtle: motion passed to present proposal to homeowner
- f. 106 Brookfield in Dumont: M Brice met homeowner; recommended town address now; put on urgent list

- g. 556 Harland: still open; KG & RS to review
 - h. Valley Road and Spring Lane in easement: dead tree to be removed ASAP
5. Social Media effort recommended: Robin S. to lead effort
 - a. HSTC to give direction
 - b. Dina to make Facebook page; pending
 6. Tree Farm: need to determine what can or should be done with space. Dina to discuss with Council. Needs more discussion; HSTC thinks this is a good idea but need to determine how it would be maintained and cost. Tabled at this time; Environmental Commission does want to do something, again, tabled.
 7. 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
 - a. Robin to create a Shade Tree page
 2. Arbor Day: Robin update
 - 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.
 - c. Improve relationship with DPW. On hold as new Supervisor pending
 8. Dina's report:
 - a. Urban & Community Forestry Grant:
 - i. Did not happen this year

- ii. There is a grant for inventory: Stewardship Canopy Resiliency: what trees/species do we have and identify need
 - b. Arbor Day Foundation
 - c. National Climate Solutions Grant
 - d. Urban Forrest Canopy
 - e. Urban & Community Forestry Report
 - i. Concern w/ statement of tree budget
 - ii. Tree education
 - iii. Annual Accomplishments
 - f. Swim Club:
 - 1. Consider tree re-forestry; grants are available
- 9. 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. Borough tree defined: at least 50% of the tree (centerline of tree at 4' high) must be on borough property
 - b. MB & KG made updates based on meeting and submitted to Env. Comm. counterparts
- 10. With Margaret leaving = opportunity to clean up communication and process. Copy of tracking sheet needed
 - a. Joanne Myung = new borough clerk; attended meeting and was very helpful
- 11. Dina to send outline of direction for Contractors
- 12. Meeting date list:
 - a. July 11
 - b. Sept 5
 - c. Oct 3
 - d. Nov 14
 - e. Dec 5
- 13. Motion to adjourn

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm