

HSTC Minutes 5/8/2023 Meeting

1. 7:03 PM Steve J called meeting to order
 - a. In attendance: Steve J., Dina S., Robin S, Karen G, Annette M, Mike B.
2. Public duly notified of meeting's occurrence
3. Motion to approve amended minutes (M Brice to re-submit) by Annette M; Seconded by Steve J.; all approved.

Old Business:

1. WTP List:
 - a. Complete
 - b. Stumps: on 2023 will be on 2024 WTP list
 - c. 421 Jefferson: small tree – ask DPW to address
2. 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
 - 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
 - g. Grant \$ = ideal for 317 Harrison park area

New Business

1. Look at Whitman & Memorial, blue dots; Dina: hold up on taking down trees

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
3. Construction Checklist: no mention of Tree Ordinance
4. Tree Issues:
 - a. 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 Joann
 - 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 Joanna
 - 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; No update
 - f. 106 Brookfield in Dumont: M Brice to meet homeowner and report
 - g. 368 Valley Road: Steve J to review
 - h. 556 Harland
 - i. 437 Baldwin: Karen G to check
 - j. 147 Garfield: Steve J to check
 - k. 451 Jefferson: a new tree; Karen G
 - l. 173 Schraalenburgh: all trees to be removed; will plant new trees according to HSTC list
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.

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. Pending
 - 1. Karen G to focus
- c. Improve relationship with DPW. On hold as new Supervisor pending
- d. Urban & Community Forestry Grant:
 - i. Where plant town trees; HSTC to make notes and submit by June meeting
 - ii. Apply by 6/23

8. 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

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. HSTC members to send their comments to Karen G and Mike B. Will be reviewed at 4/3 meeting~~
 - ~~i. MB and Karen to review and send to the Environmental Comm joint Ordinance review members~~
10. With Margaret leaving = opportunity to clean up communication and process. Copy of tracking sheet needed
 - a. Joanne Myung = new borough clerk
11. Dina to send outline of direction for Contractors
12. Motion to adjourn
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm
14. June meeting changed to Monday, June 5 at 7:00 pm, Library