

HSTC Minutes 01/16/2024 Meeting

1. 7:00 PM Steve Jureller called meeting to order
 - a. In attendance: Steve Jureller, Dina Siciliano, Annette Berger-Machac, Robin Sodaro, Mike Brice
2. Public duly notified of meeting's occurrence.
3. The minutes of the 12/11/23 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

1. Tree Planting: Plantings have been completed. Dina is addressing a couple of issues. There are a few extra trees which the DPW will plant. Dina to develop new list
2. Social Media effort (Dina / Robin): Dina to get this on Instagram and facebook accounts linked to town website
3. ~~Tree Farm: No action.~~ To be discussed when necessary
4. Draft Tree Ordinance: Steve will send to HSTC a revision with simplified language and re-define what is a town tree. HSTC members to review and give feedback to Steve to submit to Env. Comm. Robin and Mike submitted comments to Steve. Dina and Annette to do so at end of Jan
5. The new Borough Construction Official, Robert Sherrow, will attend the December HSTC meeting. This did not happen. Will try for Jan meeting. No show in Jan. Will try for March 5 meeting
6. A total of 8 CEU's (cumulatively for the committee) must be completed by the end of the year. Dina previously provided a list of possible course opportunities.
 - a. Training session to be held 12/19 via zoom with Liz Stewart.
 - b. This was completed on 12/19/23. We are up to date
7. 2024 budget – Dina submitted a draft budget with the below line items. This will be submitted formally to the Finance Committee in January. Completed
 - a. Arborist - \$500
 - b. Arbor Day Programs - \$300
 - c. Continuing Education - \$150
 - d. Five Year Report - \$4,000 (based on an estimate from Liz Stewart)
 - e. Contract Program (WTP) - \$35,000
 - f. Emergency Pruning / Removals - \$25,000
 - g. Tree Purchases / Plantings - \$8,000
 - h. Total: \$72,950

New Business

1. Tree Issues:
 - a. 83 Morris = Utility
 - b. 300 Franklin = Utility
 - c. 240 Haworth Ave: no action
 - d. 395 Maple Ave: not urgent, review in spring

- e. 219 Valley Ct: Anette to investigate
- f. Harrison & Prospect: not urgent, review in spring
- g. 26 Seneca Trace: SJ to investigate
- h. 375 Hennessy: Dina to investigate
- i. 568 Beech St: Robin to investigate
- j. 144 Brook: on list for removal but has orange ribbon. Tom Runge to remove ribbon and mark with Orange X
- k. Beech & Haworth Drive: Robin to mark with Orange Ribbon
- l. 16 Terrace, 2 trees: Dina to investigate
- m. 256 Valley: need to have Orange ribbon
- n. 264 Crocker Place: 2 trees to right of driveway need Orange ribbon
- 2. NJUCF Grant Application – The grant has been conditionally approved, pending the submission of some additional information. Dina to coordinate this.
 - a. Dina to speak with Town CFO to for payments to Liz Stewart
- 3. 2024 WTP list: Completed
 - a. RFP posted – should include stump removal
 - b. Opening bids: 2/15 at 11:00 am
- 4. Site Plans – Steve to review the site plans submitted for 417 and 421 Sylvan Place (two separate lots created by a subdivision).
- 5. New committee members – HSTC is looking to expand from five to seven members (plus our Council Liaison). Steve will put together a brief description of duties for members to send out to any interested Haworth residents. Open
 - a. Goal is min 5, max 9 members. Town Council to be asked to modify ordinance
 - b. HSTC passed motion to bring to Town Council 2 new members
 - i. Don Russell = Member
 - ii. Michael Golland = Alternate
- 6. Zones realigned: Robin, Zone 1; Annette, Zone 2; Mike, Zone 3. Steve to remain available to support efforts in each zone.
- 7. Mass Ave Development: Affordable housing planned. Numerous trees will be removed (100+). Site plan needed and HSTC needs to review so can limit # of trees impacted
- 8. Karen Grossman has resigned. Due to her diligence, commitment and hard work HSTC motioned and approved that a tree be planted in her name
 - a. Status?

2024 Focus:

- 1. Enhance Borough awareness of what HSTC does
 - a. How to inform public?
 - i. Link on town web page & newsletter? Robin S to handle and work with Karen G on types of trees
 - 1. Robin to create a Shade Tree page

2. Dina started a facebook page
2. Grants: seek out more opportunities to fund planting
 - a. Carbon offsets
 - b. Must do in conjunction with Borough
3. Improve relationship with DPW. On hold as new Supervisor pending
4. Arbor Day Celebration April 24 – 26
 - a. Robin to work on poster

Grants:

1. Urban & Community Forestry Grant – see above.
2. Arbor Day Foundation
 - a. Arbor Day Tree City Application due 2/15/24
3. National Climate Solutions Grant
4. Urban Forrest Canopy
5. Urban & Community Forestry Report
 - a. Concern w/ statement of tree budget
 - b. Tree education
 - c. Annual Accomplishments
6. Swim Club:
 - a. Consider tree re-forestry; grants are available

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Upcoming HSTC Meetings

- 2024 Meeting Dates: 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/16, 9/3, 10/1, 11/12, 12/3
- Note that there is no February meeting
- All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be at the Haworth Library at 7:00 pm