

**CHELMSFORD TREE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes for JANUARY 8, 2019**  
**Approved at FEBRUARY 19, 2019 Meeting**

**Location:** Town Hall Room 206  
50 Billerica Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

**Members Present:** James Martin (Chair), Ginny Marshall, Richard Friesner, Brian Zuzelo, Andy Silinsh, Gary Persichetti (Tree Warden),  
**Present:** Ken Lefebvre (Liaison Selectman)

Town Manager Paul Cohen

**Not Present:** Kate Messer (Conservation Agent/Planner),

**Quorum Present;**  
Meeting called to order by the Chair James Martin at 7:02 PM

**COMMUNITY INPUT** Bryan Molinari

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COMMUNICATIONS TREE WARDEN/TOWN MANGER UPDATE**

**TOWN COMMON**

Both expressed that they would like to visit our meetings more often. Were impressed with Emerald Ash Borer presentation by Jim Martin.at the Selectmen's Meeting.

**TOWN MANAGER: Paul Cohen**

Town Common reflects the whole town because it is the center. Common needs more trees.

Concerns: Timing and budget

**INPUT FROM DPW : Gary Persichetti:**

Work on the Common would likely have Community cooperation and funding because of age and history of the Common

There could be possible contributions of money and input from the citizens of the community to help with changes

**Ginny Marshall**

A master plan is needed to be developed before beginning any work on the Common or other areas in town

**Paul Cohen:** Town Manager reported that a Master Plan for the town is being designed.

**Ken Lefebvre:** Questioned whether there were any plans to redesign the Common

**Gary Persichetti:** Thought Common should be redesigned and have brick pathways incorporated into the design

**Ken Lefebvre**

Brought the discussion to the role of the TREE Committee in working with DPW in redesigning or redeveloping the Town Common.

**Agreement** by all present that an integrated involvement from many groups needed for successful “greening of Chelmsford” endeavors

- Common Design Group
- Tree Committee Input
- DPW Input
- Maintenance Group
- Historical Commission
- Selectmen

**TREE INVENTORY UPDATE**

**Ken Lefebvre**

Every tree planted on public property, the TREE Committee should be notified so that the Tree Inventory can be accurate and up to date.

Gary Persichetti and Paul Cohen agreed.

Tree Warden explained the process of planting trees on Public Property.

**CENTER COMMON**

**Richard Friesner: Motion:** The TREE Committee agrees to act as an advisory group for future planting of trees on the Common.

2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: Brian Zuzelo  
Passed Unanimously

**2018-2019 ARBOR DAY PLAN**

Discussion to be taken up at February meeting.

**ADDITIONAL WEB SITE DISCUSSION**

Most productive and effective would be to use town web site: add more links; Richard will head point on that project

## **DOG PARK**

Meeting with Jim was cancelled. However, group is still interested in using TREE committee's help and advice, even though there are some problems with funding.

## **EMERALD ASH BORER SLIDE PRESENTATION**

Lowell Land Trust asked for copy of Jim's excellent and informative slide presentation, seen at Selectmen's meeting..

20 New towns listed as evidence of Emerald Ash Borer's arrival since last year.

This year the TREE Committee will put out more traps so the data can be compared with previous years of trap data in Chelmsford

Press release to be put out about Emerald Ash Borer

## **ACCEPTANCE OF November 2018 MINUTES**

1<sup>st</sup>: Richard Friesner

2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Zuzelo

Motion passed unanimously

## **ACCEPTANCE OF December 2018 MINUTES**

1<sup>st</sup>: Richard Friesner

2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Zuzelo

Motion passed unanimously

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Ginny Marshall**

Note of thanks to Steve Murray, Doug Greenfield, and Felix Huang: Lioness Sculpture, made from wood of Town Common Purple Beech Log.

Next meeting February 12, 2019

Meeting to be adjourned"

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Richard Friesner

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Brian Zuzelo

**Meeting adjourned: 8:28 pm**