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**CHELMSFORD TREE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES for MARCH 12, 2019**

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

**Members Present:** James Martin (Chair), Ginny Marshall, Andy Silinsh

**Not Present:** Richard Friesner, Brian Zuzelo, Kate Messer (Conservation Agent/Planner), Gary Persichetti (Tree Warden), Ken Lefebvre (Liaison Selectman)

**Quorum Present;**

Meeting called to order by the Chair James Martin at 7:10 PM

**COMMUNITY INPUT** None

Motion to accept February 19, 2019 TREE Committee Minutes:

Andrew Silinsh

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Ginny Marshall

Passed Unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COMMUNICATIONS TREE WARDEN/TOWN MANGER UPDATE** None

**1. CENTER COMMON PLAN UPDATE**

**Andy Silinsh**

Presented color photos of the Town Common, complete with designs for trees and trees needing to be replaced.

Restated from January Minutes: Town Common reflects the whole town  
because it is the center. Common needs more trees.

**Jim Martin**

Discussion of types of trees suitable for planting on the Common.

Caution: American Beech does not do well on compacted soil e. g. the Library trees

Shed on Common has all irrigation equipment and control of lights for Town Common.  
Most of the trees on the Common are Norway Maples now classified as a weed by MA  
Laws.

**2. 2019 ARBOR DAY PLAN UPDATE**

Hosted by COSS

Planning some kind of ceremony for "Legacy Beech" on Arbor Day –either at Sunny  
Meadows or Garrison House.

**3. LEGACY BEECH TREES**

Planting of Legacy Beech tree saplings before bud break or after leaf out at Sunny Meadows and Garrison House. For, now trees are being protected at Jim Martin's home.

#### **4. TREE INVENTORY UPDATE**

##### **Jim Martin**

Asked for input concerning the style of new maps for tree inventory projects, designed by Jim.

Also, Jim added that he had talked with a person from the historic Byam House. this person was very interested in the trees on the property.

While walking around the property, Jim educated the fellow, very receptive of the info, on maintenance and care of the trees. The member of the Byam House would like an inventory of the trees on the property.

Discussion followed: Should the TREE Commission vary from its usual role of doing inventories of trees only on public property?

Motion: To Inventory the trees on the Historic Byam House property by Ginny Marshall  
Tabled until next meeting

#### **5. DOG PARK**

Still interested in the TREE Committee's input; must wait till frost and snow melt.

#### **6. EMERALD ASH BORER**

Nothing new

#### **7. Volunteer Day at the SENIOR CENTER**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 -- 3:00 PM

Jim will call other TREE Committee members to volunteer to work on the table.

Ginny to make one poster:

Help with Inventory

Tracking pests

Value of trees

Promote Web site

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. 2019 Work Plan**

Begin working on a new annual work plan for 2019 -- 2020

##### **B. 2019: Election on June 2019: Tabled**

April Meeting: April 9, 2019

Motion to Adjourn: Andy Silinsh

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Ginny Marshall

8:13 pm adjourned