

CHELMSFORD TREE COMMITTEE

2021-02-11

MINUTES for January 12, 2021 Meeting

8:21 AM

To be Approved at February 9, 2021, Meeting

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

Location: Online Teleconference Microsoft Teams

PATRICIA E. DZURIS

TOWN CLERK

Members Present: James Martin (Chair), Ivan Orlinsky, Brian Zuzelo

Quorum Present;

Meeting called to order by the Chair James Martin at 7:09 PM

Community Input: None

Acceptance of September 2019 Minutes:

Motion: Brian Zuzelo

Second: Ivan Orlinsky

Motion unanimously passed

Old Business:

1. **Tree Inventory of the Byam House property.** Finished copy to be sent the Chelmsford Historical Society
2. **Next Tree Inventory.** As weather permits, Veterans Park, North Road. Committee needs to develop some type of grading system to assign for each inventoried property
3. **Roberts Field/Friendship Park.** Our Committee has made strong recommendations for covering over the roots of the Large Sugar Maple and the Littleleaf Linden with wood chips to help the two trees survive. The DPW has rejected that Idea. We have left the Roberts Field Advisory Committee to follow up on this issue. The 12 Tree Labels that our Committee purchased for the Roberts Field Nature Walk were installed in early August and the invoice for \$120 was paid in full.
4. **Chelmsford Dog Park.** Tree planting to be attempted Spring 2021. TREE Committee will provide technical assistance.
5. **Committee Website.** Discussion was held to move forward.
6. **Committee Membership.** Tree Committee is still two members short.
7. **Legacy Beech Trees.** J. Martin announced that the two trees were in good condition when he last looked at them.
8. **Spruce Tree Worten St.** It was noted that the large Spruce tree at the intersection of Worten and North Streets had been removed recently even though the Chelmsford Town Manager had stated that it would be protected when he last attended a Tree Committee Meeting.

Motion: by B Zuzelo, Second by I Orlinsky

The Committee Chair send an E-mail to the Town Manager to question why the Spruce tree was cut down.

Motion unanimously passed

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NEW BUSINESS:

1 Election of Tree Committee Officers for the 2020-2021 year

Committee Chair J Martin

Passed unanimously

Committee Secretary B. Zuzelo

Passed unanimously

2 TREE Committee 2020-2021 Committee Work Plan

To be worked on at next meeting

3 Lantern Fly The TREE Committee was advised by the State of Massachusetts about the identification of Lantern Fly in Chelmsford last Fall. The Lantern Fly is an invasive insect pest that is potentially damaging to a wide range of Chelmsford's trees and shrubs. J Martin called the State and spoke with an Entomologist about the Lantern Fly situation. He was told that at this time this issue didn't appear to be significant to bring to the population's attention.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: by B. Zuzelo, Seconded I. Orlinsky
Motion passed unanimously

Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivan Orlinsky

Committee Secretary Pro Tem.

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