

CHELMSFORD TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES for February 9th, 2021 Meeting

Approved at March 16, 2021, Meeting

Location: Online Teleconference Microsoft Teams

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

Quorum Present;

Meeting called to order by the Chair James Martin at 7:20 PM

Community Input: None

Acceptance of January 2021 Minutes:

Motion: Ivan Orlinsky

Second: Brian Zuzelo

Motion unanimously passed

Old Business:

1. **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
2. **Roberts Field/Friendship Park.**
3. **Chelmsford Dog Park.** Tree planting to be attempted Spring 2021. TREE Committee will provide technical assistance.
4. **Vinyl Square:** After discussion, members agreed that the size of planters the Vinyl Square committee is interested in purchasing to plant trees or shrubs would not protect woody plants over the winter and would not do well in drought conditions. Recommendation of the committee to hire landscaper or local garden club to do plantings (annuals, perennials, or perennial grasses) appropriate for the containers.
5. **Committee Website.** Discussion was held to move forward. Discussed use of WIX for webhosting.
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. Town manager was emailed by the Committee chair and responded to email. Members discussed next course of action in discussing this with the town manager.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 Elections 2020-2021: Nominated & Elected James Martin Chair, Brian Zuzelo Secretary

2 TREE Committee 2020-2021 Committee Work Plan

To be worked on at next meeting

3 Chelmsford Climate Action Team: The Chelmsford Climate Action team reached out the Tree Committee to discuss support of their goals for carbon neutrality for the town of Chelmsford by 2050 . The Chair will reach out to the team to discuss how the Tree Committee can assist in this goal.

4. Moving Committee Meeting: The Tree Committee chair and members have agreed to move the monthly meeting of the Committee to the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

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

Adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Brian Zuzelo
Committee Secretary**