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
2nd 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 23rd 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
2nd Motion: Ginny Marshall

8:13 pm adjourned