

**CHELMSFORD TREE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES for April 9, 2019**

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

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

**Liaison Selectman:** Ken Lefebvre

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

**Quorum Present;**

Meeting called to order by the Chair James Martin at 7:12 PM

**COMMUNITY INPUT** None

Motion to accept March 12 , 2019 TREE Committee Minutes:  
Motion Ginny Marshall

2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Silinsh  
Minutes Accepted as presented  
Passed Unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CENTER COMMON PLAN UPDATE**

**1. Communications from Tree Warden/Town Manger update:** none

**2. Andy Silinsh**

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

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

**3. Jim Martin**

Reiteration from last month's Minutes: American Beech does not do well on compacted soil, type present on Common e. g. the Library trees

Trees with color would dress the Common. Different trees with blossoms in spring or color in the Fall

Definite need for much research needed on species of trees for the Common because time, effort, and money will be a strong factor.

## **1. 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.

## **2. LEGACY BEECH TREES**

Sunny Meadows and Garrison House.

Trees are ready for planting, and the trees look very healthy. (Overwintered at Jim Martin's home)

## **3. TREE INVENTORY UPDATE**

**Jim Martin**

Continued discussion from last month's meeting followed: Should the TREE Commission vary from its usual role of doing inventories of trees only on public property?

Motion: To establish a policy authorizing the Tree Committee to inventory trees on any town non-profit property that operates for the benefit of the town and its residents  
Motion tabled until next month's meeting

Charge a fee ---not charge a fee?

Offered suggestion: Instead of charging a fee for inventory, a requested donation for trees to be planted in town

## **TREE Committee**

### **4. DOG PARK**

**Jim Martin:**

Dog Park Caretakers are still interested in the TREE Committee's input;

Jim took three samples of soil and sent it to Mass Dept of Conservation and Recreation.

Result: The entire area is seriously compacted. This compaction is a problem that must be solved

Previously, after numerous attempts to probe the compacted soil the attempts failed.

### **6. Volunteer Day at the SENIOR CENTER Jim Martin and Brian Suezelo**

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

Very successful: we recruited 6 people to help with the Inventory

Emerald Ash Borer was discussed.  
Event proved very good for advertising TREE Committee.  
Next year, it should be included as part of yearly plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2019 Work Plan**

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

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

May Meeting: May 14, 2019

Motion to Adjourn: Andy Silinish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Ginny Marshall

8:13 PM adjourned