

Person Preparing Minutes:

Corey Christians

Name of Board, Commission or Committee:

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Location:

Town Hall

Meeting Date:

September 8, 2014

Time Meeting Started:

7:30pm

Members Present

- 1 .Joe Hickey
2. Mark Alpert
- 3 .Phil Cashman
4. Dan Montano

Also Present:

Corey Christians

Number Required for Quorum:

3

Quorum Present:

Yes

1st Motion

Remove dead Elm on Main Street.

Vote Passed

2nd Motion

Remove Norway Maple at SW corner of River Road green with replacement.

Vote Passed

3rd Motion

Remove Sugar Maple and Cherry at Highcrest School (along Highcrest Road sidewalk).

Vote Passed

4th Motion

Remove Oak at 53 Hillsdale Ave (lower trunk damage).

Vote Passed

5th Motion

Ash Management Plan-a protective approach to an impending problem.

Vote Passed

Minutes for meeting of September 8, 2014

1. Communications

- A. CL&P's Barry Croke asked about clearance for a 3-phase at the forest border of the Town Hall parking lot.
- B. Visited and assessed leaf gall on feature pin oak at River Road green.
- C. A list of service requests in question were submitted to the engineering dept. for clarification on property ownership.

2: New Business

A. Removals-

- Dead Elm on Main Street
- Norway Maple at SW corner of River Rd Green
- Sugar Maple and Cherry at Highcrest School (along Highcrest Rd sidewalk)
- Oak at 53 Hillsdale Ave (lower trunk damage)

Vote Passed

B. Air Spade Treatments –taking pro-health measures for tree quality and longevity.

- Root collar protection
- Soil level regulation
- Root invigoration
- Removing girdling roots
- Air spade treatments were explained
- Purpose and value explained

C. Ash Management Plan- a proactive approach to a an impending problem

- Tree lives 2-3yrs once infested with E.A.B.
- E.A.B. is nearby and population is sharply increasing
- Scheduling ash removals and replace with alternate species
- Providing systemic insecticide treatment responsibly to select feature ash trees

Ash Removals –

- 2 Ashes at Highcrest School (along Highcrest Rd sidewalk)
- 1 at Mike’s Place playground (along Hartford Ave)

Treatment only (not for removal).

- 1 at Park Ave Green

Vote Passed

D. Proposed Plantings

- 88 Hartford Ave
- 94 Hartford Ave
- 108 Hartford Ave
- Conifer in the middle of the circle at Emerson school

3: Public Comment

- Provide agenda 1 week in advance.
- Investigate how commission seats are filled.
- Investigate budget for planting.
- Investigate budget for ash treatments, cost.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.