

Tree Planting Committee
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 5:30PM
Brookline Town Hall, Room 408

Committee Members Present: Hugh Mattison (Chair), Nadine Gerdts, Elizabeth Erdman

Committee Members Absent: n/a

Staff Present: Tom Brady, Brittany Bonney

Guests Present: n/a

AGENDA REVIEW/MINUTES

H. Mattison moved to accept the minutes from 11/3/15. N Gerdts seconded. All in favor.

SPRING PLANTING UPDATE

T. Brady explained that up until this week, the nurseries we work with have still been pulling plants out and planting. They haven't concluded what they can get rid of yet, therefore the preorder lists of spring trees cannot be executed. We have not been given a list for preorder this year. These nurseries are located in NY, PA, NC, and CT. T. Brady showed the Committee the list of what was purchased last year for spring planting. In addition to this list, another 120-140 site specific trees will be purchased. The overall number and species depends on what is available for preorder. Trees can still be rejected from the preorder list if they are not up to quality standard.

H. Mattison asked if the planting is complete at Fisher Hill. T. Brady said they are still finishing up. N. Gerdts said the more Elms, Oaks, Sweet Gums, and Sugar Maples the better. T. Brady agreed and said Oaks are always more difficult to transfer. T. Brady will send a list out to the Committee when it comes in.

BACK OF SIDEWALK REQUESTS UPDATE

- The private tree at 14 Thayre Place was removed.
- Colborne Crescent Path- this location is public property but not a public way; therefore it is not covered by Chapter 87. There does not need to be a tree removal hearing for the removal of the concerned tree. T. Brady will decide whether the trees will be removed, it is out of the jurisdiction of the Committee. T. Brady said his judgement is that the trees should remain; all three are Norway Maples which are relatively close together. He said the trees are healthy and currently providing more benefit than harm. The resident requested they be removed solely because they are invasive.

STAFF UPDATE

- Griggs Road- There is a curb cut that acts as a driveway on Griggs Road right off of Washington Street. The resident would like the tree in the driveway removed to create more parking spots.
- National Grid Lawsuit- A Company Arborist will reassess all trees in question again in the spring. There will be no movement in court until this is completed.

- T. Brady received an e-mail from a resident at an unknown address regarding a street tree they want removed from in front of their property. They want the tree removed to create construction access as they rebuild their house. The tree will not be removed for this reason.
- Devotion School tree removal/replanting plan- there will be a Tree Removal Hearing for one single tree under the jurisdiction of the Committee. N. Gerdts asked for a zoomed in plan showing existing conditions and why the tree needs to be removed. T. Brady said that some trees will be replaced; the number being removed is not as many as shown. N. Gerdts wants to propose planting a large Oak in the middle of the drop off/pick up spot. T. Brady said we will recommend that to them when they come in for the hearing, which will be scheduled for our next meeting, April 5th 2016. H. Mattison asked if we can ask Tony Guigli when the trees will be removed and if we can get the DBH of any trees being removed.
- T. Brady said that 2 Brookline Place does not have their final landscape plan, but he has seen the plans they do have and walked the site.
- Kilsyth Rd - 5 or 6 trees will be removed and replaced with smaller trees. The Committee discussed possible dates for a site visit and decided on Wednesday, April 13th at 5:30pm and will get Eversource involved as well.

ADJOURN

H. Mattison moved to adjourn.