

Tree Committee

12/5/18

Present: Michael Peretti, Hilda Banks-Shapiro, Lisa Bozzuto, Holly Hamer, Shep Evans

JB Brodeaur came to the meeting and handed in a note of resignation

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30pm

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from 11/7/18 by Lisa Bozzuto.

Seconded by Hilda Banks-Shapiro

I. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Tree City USA application has been completed and sent in. Holly will scan it once she has a signature from the Town Manager.
- b. Holly Hamer went to the Planning Board (they had done a site plan review for the property on the corner of Main and Mahaiwe) to ask about the status of the large sugar maple on this property. She was told it's possible it is a town tree. Shep Evans will follow up by asking Chris Rembold about this. Holly also wants more information on the status of trees on Manville Avenue.
- c. Update on Mason Library Tree -Holly Hamer asked the Mason Library Trustees about planting a tree in front of Mason. They passed a resolution to ask the Town Manger to ask DPW to excavate to remove the roots from the tree that had been removed. Michael Peretti reported that he did receive an email from Tom Ingersoll who said he still intends to plant a tree.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Arbor Day: Massachusetts Art Week is April 26-May 5 which coincides with Arbor Day. Holly suggested a collaboration between the Library Friends, the Tree Committee and Christine Ward. She asked for low cost ideas for things that people can participate in i.e. tree planting, a chalk art festival, a block party where there would be free tree seedlings and food, a River Walk quiz and mulching demonstration.

- b. Michael Peretti met with a construction engineer regarding the sidewalks on Church St. They looked into planting a Heritage Elm that will be well protected during construction.
- c. Holly Hamer plans to draft a letter to the Town Manger and DPW requesting \$10,000 in the next budget for tree planting.

Next meeting 2/ 6/19

Meeting adjourned 6:20pm

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Bozzuto