

December 05,2019

Stoneham Tree Committee Meeting,

Stoneham Town Hall, 35 Central Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Attendees - Jim Previte, Sue Keeler, Paul Mazzotta, Nhai Cao, Jeanne Grieve, Connie Filosi

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes. Sue detailed corrections to the notes of the November meeting in Agenda paragraphs 1, 3 and 6. A motion was made to accept the notes subject to the corrections; the motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item 2: Tree Policy Draft - The committee discussed consolidating the Tree Policy with Jim's notes. The TC is advisory and works with the DPW and selectmen. The TA will be sent the draft. There was a motion to approve the Draft Tree Policy Replacement and forward it to the TA. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Grants - The ArborDay Foundation offers \$20,000 grants. Might DCR grants be used for the Bike Way, parks and senior housing grounds? Discussion of who has jurisdiction of School lands for trees. JG offered to contact the School Superintendent to ask. Also jurisdiction for Bike Path was questioned. Suggestion made to ask the TA to clarify the responsible authority over proposed locations. Nhai suggested it might be a good idea to find an example of grant requirements, funds and other details. Sue told TC that TA needs to be involved in any proposal if Town money is involved. Sue suggested looking for grants that do not require matching funds.

Agenda Item 4: Incentivize through education and encouragement, continued, Patch - Library - Patch draft blurb reviewed and modifications suggested and adopted. There was a motion to approve subject to modifications. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Jeanne will post blurb on Patch and submit to Independent. For Library event, Jeanne will contact Ellen Weeks of the U Mass Extension to enquire about a speaker. Another idea is to work with the Mass Tree Wardens for a tree planting project in schools. Jim will get information and bring it to the TC.

Agenda Item 5: Tree donation potential locations, map - Dave Goodberg is working on the map.

Agenda Item 6: Non deliberative items and/or scheduling - Dava continues to investigate the Stockwell Fund with Melon Bank. Sue sent the TA the TC approved letter of additional help for Tree Warden. Jim reported the Utilities offer to provide two inch trees and he will enquire about grants from them. The TC then discussed how potential new trees would be watered. Eversource website may be reviewed for tree information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

