

September 26, 2019 - Stoneham Tree Committee first meeting convened at 6:30 pm

Attendees - Nhai Cao, Connie Filosi, David Goodberg, Jeanne Grieve, Susan Keeler, Paul Mazzotta, Ellen McBride, James Previte, and Dennis Sheehan.

After introductions, nominations for officers of Tree Committee were made. Elected by 8 to 0 votes were

- Sue Keeler, Chair, will create agenda, determine schedule and run meetings.
- Nhai Cao, Vice-Chair, will fill in for Chair as needed.
- Jeanne Grieve, Secretary, will record meeting notes and distribute to members for approval at next meeting.

Chair Sue Keeler stated the importance of having a Town Tree Policy and asked Jim and Dennis to review the process of the current policy, hearings and history and report to the next meeting.

Also discussed was a Tree Committee website. Sue asked the members to think about the content. The website should be clear, accurate and easily accessible by the public. It will be managed by the Town website manager.

Sue asked members to bring ideas for the Tree Committee's Goals and Priorities. Some ideas mentioned were

- Set up fund to replace trees
- Obtain grant to cut up waste trees to offer to Town residents
- Discuss budgetary issues at next meeting
- Explore ideas on how to incentivize more tree planting
- Find grants to help fund trees for children's programs
- Document "town boundaries" vs "private boundaries"

Meeting schedule, by an 8 to 0 vote of the committee, was decided to be monthly, meeting on the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of the October meeting to be held on October 10, 2019, year round.

Tree Committee terms will be discussed in the next meeting.

Dennis will ask the Town Attorney about having separate emails for Town business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.