

January 02,2020

Stoneham Tree Committee Meeting,

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

Attendees - Sue Keeler, Paul Mazzotta, Dave Goodberg, Nhai Cao, Jeanne Grieve, Ellen McBride

Also present - Resident Martin Wantman

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes - Sue detailed a correction in Agenda Item 2 regarding the disposition of the Tree Policy draft after it is sent to the Town Administrator. A motion was made to accept the notes subject to the corrections; the motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Agenda Item 2: Updates on outstanding items-

- Library event speaker - JG will get back to Ellen Weeks at U Mass Extension regarding a speaker; other possibilities are a resource from DCR or Mass Association of Conservation Commission.
- Map - Dave will create a Google Doc map prototype with 6 or 7 basic trees and an icon for removed trees to plot
- Stockwell - Dava is still working on it. Ellen will ask Bob Sweeney if he has any info also.
- Jurisdictional issues - Sue asked TA who replied that TC will do Greenway, JG has appointment to talk with John Macero, School Superintendent about school partnership projects and school land jurisdiction. Sue emphasized that TC must communicate openly with Conservation and Open Space Committees
- Tree Policy - TA sent the Tree Policy to DPW. DPW Director had no issue with it. Discussion about next step for Tree Policy

Agenda Item 3: Grants - Sue distributed examples of The TD Bank and ArborDay Foundation grants showing requirement for lots of coordination and detailed plans. Ellen asked if Stoneham has grant search software available in Town Hall. A suggestion was made to reach out to other town officials like Megan Day, Erin Wortman and Brett from DPW. Sue suggested scheduling an extra Tuesday night meeting between 6 and 7 in February or March to confer with other town officials. She asked if TC members would think of questions and topics for such a meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Incentivize through education and encouragement, continued - Article introducing Tree Committee published in Independent and Patch. Suggested that another article on Native Trees and their importance be written and submitted.

Agenda Item 5: Non deliberative items and/or scheduling -

- Sue welcomes members to submit agenda items up to the Monday before scheduled meeting.
- Suggestion to invite Brett, DPW Director, to talk about trees, composting possibilities at Stevens Street
- Suggestion to create a list of FAQ for public information and education, i.e. private property tree problems and how to find help
- Mr. Wantman made a request to speak on an issue; however the issue did not pertain to an agenda item nor could it be ascertained to be within the purview of the Tree Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.