

COUNCIL REPORTS

November 2013

FORESTRY – Audrey Maskery

Forestry now covers two Town Committees, Forestry and Beautification (Chair, Carol Uhlendorf), and The Woods Group (Chair, Ann Briggs) with Audrey Maskery as liaison to both. Reports for each will be part of the monthly Council report so residents can follow what is happening with each committee.

Forestry and Beautification:

Waynesboro Nurseries delivered nine trees ordered by F&B, on 28th October. Town maintenance planted the nine trees in the following locations when the weather permitted.

- 1 Willow Oak planted at corner of Maple Avenue & Oak Street.
- 1 American Sycamore, planted in area near Play Grounds and basketball court.
- 1 Bur Oak, planted behind 211 Maple Avenue.
- 2 Swamp White Oaks planted in area behind children's play area near maintenance shed.
- 1 Fringe tree planted corner of Oak Street and Chestnut Road.
- 1 Eastern Red Bud planted at edge of soccer field parking lot.
- 1 Service Berry planted in Morgan Park near memorial stone.
- 1 Hornbeam planted behind 209 Maple Avenue close to ditch.

All newly planted trees have tree guards where ever possible. The tree guards seem to be very effective, keeping the deer from rubbing against the trunks and mutilating our tree investment.

Woods Group:

The Woods Group met on November 4th. The attendees were: Ann Briggs, Charlie Challstrom, Georgette Cole, Tom Land, Kathy Lehman, Joan Mahaffey, Audrey Maskery, Alice Negin and Steve Werts. The Mayor recommended the Woods Group be an official group under the Councilor for Forestry and Beautification, focusing on the woods as distinct from F&B's role within the residential parts of Town.

Exclosures - Georgette reported Joli's assessment of existing exclosures as positive in light of small plants and condition of small trees initially planted. She recommends removal of greenbrier seedlings, possible additional plantings. Each exclosure have now been flagged with orange tape, this will hopefully will alert the deer to the presence of the netting and prevent them from becoming entangled and ripping open the exclosure. The Woods Group will evaluate the system later in spring 2014.

"Management" - Ann suggested the group needs a clear definition of what the term means in terms of Town Woods. This may become more distinct as our public forums and Town discussion proceed.

West Woods Trail work - Saturday, November 9 - small group worked to rejuvenate the new circumferential trail. The trails have been marked with yellow blazes. One new trail may be named 'the Hickory Trail' to recognize the many young hickories growing there.

Woods Group Deer Control Forum - Thursday, January 23, 2014

A public forum is scheduled focusing on Deer control. George Timko and Bill Hamilton from the County Parks Deer Management division will be presenting their experience on deer control, and knowledge of other control methods. Ample time will be allotted for questions and input from residents.

MEMORIALS – Audrey Maskery

Nothing to report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Joli A. McCathran

WSSC Permit: Bob Booher updated the Commission on the status of the WSSC permit for the pipe work along Maple Avenue. The Planning Commission received a copy of the HPC comments. In addition, Bob will add the HPC comments on the trees at the tree line.

Archives: Pat Patula, Town Archivist, prepared a report to the HPC on the status of the Archives. There was discussion regarding hiring consultant for this issue. Pat will be asked to seek recommendations.

The Archives may need a new computer with more memory.

Permissions are needed from the old oral histories to put them on the web site.

Pat recommends hiring a typist to transcribe the hand-written, carbon copy and other illegible minutes in the Archives.

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report.

WASHINGTON GROVE CONSERVATION MEADOW PARK – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report.

MAPLE LAKE - Carolyn Rapkivian

The goose-be-gone light was put on the island in November.

Regarding regulations about dogs at the lake, the committee decided not to pursue any changes to the Maple Lake regulations at this point in time.

SAFETY – Carolyn Rapkivian

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee is continuing to explore and research new lighting approaches and recently had an informative conversation with Kensington's town manager.

WEBSITE – Carolyn Rapkivian

Nothing to report.

ROADS AND WALKWAYS – Bill Robertson

Town Maintenance continues to pick up leaves from public spaces along walkways.

MAINTENANCE – Bill Robertson

Leaf pickup in public spaces continues.

Steve Werts continues to work on the donated roller for the tennis courts.

Rolled tennis courts with a 6 ton rented roller.

Replaced motion sensor light at Town Hall.

Winter maintenance on various pieces of Town equipment continues.

Purchased garland for holiday decorating.

CONTRACTS – Greg Silber

Fall leaf collection is underway and to date this has gone smoothly. Leaf pick-up will continue until 1 January

We have entered into a contract with R.J. Landscaping for snow removal. Town maintenance will be working to plow snow in most situations and the contractor will be available on an “as needed” basis if Town resources are overwhelmed by large storms.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Greg Silber

The 2013 Holiday Show will take place Saturday 14 December in McCathran Hall. Look for a slightly different format this year!

The Recreation Committee meets again on 15 January, 7:30 pm.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Greg Silber

Nothing to report.

MCCATHRAN HALL – David Young

The McCathran Hall Needs Committee met on November 12 and reviewed remaining items for completion in FY14 and possible items for the FY15 budget.

PLANNING COMMISSION – David Young

Building permits were approved for fences at 201 Grove Avenue and 10 Maple Avenue.

The Commission approved a permit submitted by WSSC contractor URS for access through Washington Grove Conservation Meadow Park in order to upgrade a sewer line east of Brown Street extended. The Commission also approved a second permit submitted by WSSC contractor URS for access to manholes along Maple Avenue in order to upgrade the sewer line in that area.

Chairman Challstrom gave the Commission members a handout concerning proposed revisions to the current County Code, specifically noting any effects on town boundaries. He suggested that the Town send a letter to the County to convey that the Town is paying attention, doesn't see any red flags, and appreciates their hard work. HPC Chair Booher also provided suggestions for the letter.

Chairman Challstrom gave the Commission members a handout summarizing the meeting between Roberts Oxygen and a few Town representatives on November 4. A discussion ensued about screening and landscaping. Roberts Oxygen will take the suggestions to their Board for comments.