

2020 FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION

MINUTES FOR APRIL 8, 2020

Georgette Cole, Chair, called the meeting to order (online via Zoom) at 7:30PM.

Attendees: Georgette Cole (Chair), Audrey Maskery (Council Liaison), Cynthia Werts (Recording Secretary), Deb Mehlferber, Joan Mahaffey, and Jay Everhart.

The agenda was reviewed and approved by general consensus.

The draft minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Joan motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Deb. The motion carried 5-0.

May Bulletin: The committee discussed several ideas for the upcoming bulletin. Jay volunteered to write an article on non-native invasive perennials & weeds that can be easily identified and removed by Town residents (Garlic Mustard, English Ivy, Wineberries, and Bush Honeysuckle seedlings). F&B will encourage residents to remove these invasive plants not only from their own yards, but, from adjoining Town areas, as well. Unfortunately, the article on blooming Magnolias did not appear in the April bulletin, as planned. Since these trees will no longer be in bloom by the time the May bulletin is distributed, it was decided that the article will be held over and published in the April 2021 bulletin.

Spring Tree Planting: Audrey has provided Stadler Nursery with a list of desired trees for our 2020 spring planting. Due to the current Covid-19 CDC guidelines, customers are unable to visit the nursery to take stock of their current tree inventory. However, they will let us know what is readily available for purchase and we can order them over the phone and schedule delivery. If for some reason we are not satisfied with any of the selections that are brought out to us for planting, we can refuse them. Once Stadler provides us with a list of their inventory, it will be distributed to committee members for review. Audrey also reported that Ace Tree Service is no longer in business, so, we will have to look for other vendors who can provide larger trees for our fall planting.

Other Business: Joan noted that she pulled and bagged another patch of Celandine present on Chestnut Avenue down by the church. Also, with the help of another neighbor, a large patch of Garlic Mustard was cleared in the woodland park between Cherry Avenue and Maple Road.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Cynthia Werts

