

TOWN OF WESTON
TREE ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2020
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: Chair Lori Hess, Nina Danforth, Marilyn Doyle, Ed Recka
Absent: Kristin Barbieri, Barbara Fullerton, Laura Perry
Guests: Leslie Glynn and Alicia Primer (Planning Board), Jackie Jackson (Parks and Cemetery)

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

1. General: Citizen Comments, Announcements, Approval of Minutes

Lori gave an account of her meeting with Laurie Bent. It is understood that other committees and groups should contact TAG regarding issues relating to trees. Lori presented a proposed on-line project form and she welcomed from TAG members suggestions for changes or additions (Nina suggested that “moving trees” be included.). Also, Lori had a tree discussion meeting with Emai, Tom Cullen, Leon, and Chris Houston.

At the Select Board meeting December 7, two representatives to TAG were appointed: one representative (Harvey Boshart) to address public tree issues, the other (Laurie Bent) to address private tree issues.

At the Planning Board meeting January 22, a “holistic tree” discussion is anticipated; TAG members should prepare for the meeting and are encouraged to attend.

2. Goals for 2020: Next Steps

Barbara will continue the tree by-law research and work through the newly forming Working Group which will focus on Private trees. Kristin will continue her involvement in the Arbor Day project; Arbor Day is April 24, 2020.

Ed said he could put together a list of recommended trees, and Nina would like to present a compilation of good and bad examples of trees from her photos taken at various sites.

Some publicity sources mentioned for dissemination of tree information were Town Crier, TAG, Weston Media.

Importance of communication with the Conservation Commission was noted.

Under no. 2 in Community-Facing Goals, Ed suggested adding “d. Planting a diverse habitat for support of birds and other wildlife.”

It was agreed that listing “State Champion” trees in Weston for the DCR should be pursued.

3. Tree Warden/DPW Update

Lori welcomed new Parks and Cemetery Superintendent, Jackie Jackson, who volunteered details of her background. Having been on board for a month, she related some activities taking place now, including pruning. Lori informed her that some of our projects include creation of a tree by-law and restoration of Case Park.

4. The minutes of December 11, 2019 were approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 10 a.m., Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Doyle

