

# Tree Board Minutes

7/20/23

Town Hall Room 201

After a few technical difficulties, the meeting started at 4:46. Ed, Dick, Ben and Frank appeared on Zoom.

No changes were requested to the minutes. Ed motioned to approve the minutes, Dick seconded the motion and all voted to approve.

Ben gave the Tree Warden's report. He had attended the Connecticut Tree Protection Association Summer Meeting. According to that Meeting, Sugar Maples are in decline due to warming temperatures and climate change. It is likely we will not see Sugar Maples in our region given that Sugar Maples won't be able to handle the warming temps. It was recommended that our area not overcompensate by planting more southern species, but rather see if they can adapt.

Dick asked if Planning and Zoning should be notified in regards to its recommendations on whether to plant Sugar Maples on Town streets. Ben suggested we do some research and collect documentation on recommendations and present to Planning and Zoning. It was thought that it would be helpful to see if there is a list of Town recommended trees to plant. If there is a list, it might be helpful to match the list to updated findings from various sources.

Ed pointed out that he's aware of a landscape subcommittee within Planning and Zoning. It was suggested that we look into it to see what issues they covered. Ed also pointed out that a recent Bartlett Trees Newsletter advertised a children's book, *The Busy Tree*.

Sarah gave an overview of the website changes. Dick suggested identification information would be helpful for The Tree of the Month section, such as leaf identification. A link to identification sites could be helpful and an efficient way to provide that information. Frank offered to get a photo of the Long Lots road Elm Tree for the site. Sarah asked for members to send in quotes for the top of the website.

Another suggestion was made to incorporate a section for kids or highlight resources for kids on the website.

Sarah asked Dick if he could confirm it would be ok to post the link to Connecticut's Notable Trees. Dick will confirm.

Frank Rosen pointed out that the Community Garden at Long Lots School could be in jeopardy due to the renovation or rebuild of Long Lots Elementary School.

Sarah asked if anyone had heard of any updates to the downtown renovation plan. No new news.

No other Board Member reports.

The Silver Maple was chosen as the Tree of the Month for August.

A reminder was given that the August board meeting is canceled.

Ed motioned to Adjourn, and Dick seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adjourn.