

EXETER TREE COMMITTEE
Meeting of January 21, 2020

Members present: Eileen Flockhart (Chair), Sara Sankowich, Sally Ward (Conservation Commission representative) , Gwen English
Staff present: Kristen Murphy(Natural Resource Planner), Jay Perkins(Tree Warden), Greg Bisson (Director, Parks and Recreation)
Guests: Kevin Breen (Arborist)

Meeting called to order at 8:30AM by Eileen Flockhart

Review of Tree City USA guidelines and Exeter's plans for future Arbor Day celebrations. For Arbor Day 2020, we are considering focusing our attention on the Liberty Elm.

Sara Sankowich informed the group of potential grant opportunities that Exeter could take advantage of for the purchase of trees, tree gators, tree diapers, and the development of a public education program etc.

Discussed the possibility of reestablishing a nursery site for growing trees in Exeter, as well as encouraging the donation of young trees to be planted in various locations in Town.

Lengthy discussions ensued about the Exeter Tree Committee's next steps including:

1. The review and updating of Exeter's Tree Ordinance.
This work will be done by the entire committee, with the help of the Planning Board subcommittee studying Tree ordinances, and A.J. Dupere (Urban Forester).
2. The development of a stewardship program to encourage the involvement of the public in the care of trees, and to promote the understanding of the importance of trees in our community. Reach out to local schools and PTA's.
3. Looking into updating our iTree inventory, and discussing funding sources for this project. Investigate the possibility of hiring an intern from UNH.
4. Develop a plan for public outreach. (Through Town website and facebook pages)

Next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 8:30AM

Meeting ended at 9:45

Minutes respectfully submitted
by Gwen English 1/21/2020

