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TOWN OF EXETER-TREE COMMITTEE
September 23, 2020
Virtual Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Eileen Flockhart (chair), Sally Ward, Deborah Twombly, Sara Sankowich, Kevin Breen, Gwen English
Staff Present: Kristen Murphy (Natural Resource Planner) Natasha Stoppel (Exeter TV)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Flockhart called the meeting to order at 8:30AM and read out loud the meeting preamble which indicated that an emergency exists and the provisions of RSA 91-A:2 III(b) are being invoked. As federal, state and local officials have determined that gatherings of ten or more people pose a substantial risk to the community and the meeting imperative to the continued operation of Town and government and services which are vital to public health, safety and confidence. This meeting will be conducted without a quorum physically present in the same location and welcome members of the public accessing the meeting remotely. Kristen Murphy would like photos and perhaps a text from this event to post on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from August 27, 2020 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chair Flockhart gave the committee an update on the Park Street Common activities scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at 3:30PM. All necessary funds have been raised and trees will be planted in memory of Joe O'Donnell (Sugar Maple), Denny Waters (Pin Oak), and Joanna Devaughn Colella (Flowering Cherry). Dave Short from Stratham Circle Nursery gave them wholesale prices for the trees, and Greg Bisson is providing mulch and tree diapers.
2. Tree Ordinance update.
 - a. Kristen Murphy stated that we need to determine where the ordinance applies, and define the purpose, jurisdiction and enforcement of the ordinance.
 - b. Following thoughtful discussions about the ordinance, it was decided that Sally Ward and Gwen English would wordsmith the vision aspect of the ordinance, with a goal of getting this to the group by October 19.
 - c. Kevin Breen indicated that he would be very interested in leading discussions, along with tours somewhere in Exeter, as part of the education component of the Tree Committee's mission. Exeter TV will be contacted, and it is hoped that they would be willing to film this 'tour' and post the video(s) on the Town website. Kevin and Kristen will organize this tree walk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30AM

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Gwen English on September 29, 2020

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2020 at 8:30AM

