

DRAFT MINUTES

Town of Exeter
EXETER TREE COMMITTEE
March 8th, 2022

I. **PRELIMINARIES:**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Eileen Flockhart (Chair), Sally Oxnard, Deb Twombly, Sally Ward, and Greg Bisson virtually.

STAFF PRESENT: Kristen Murphy (Natural Resource Planner)

II. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40AM

III. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Minutes of January 1, 2022 were unanimously approved.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tree City USA & Growth Award

Eileen received confirmation that Exeter's Tree City USA application and Growth Award were both approved.

Big Tree

The scavenger hunt will officially kick on 3/21 and winners of the raffle will be announced at the Alewife Festival on 5/14.

Sally O and Eileen met with the Lincoln Street Green Team to discuss this program. It was well received by the students. The Green Team is working on selecting plants for their pollinator gardens.

Lincoln Street – will distribute paper flyers

Main Street – Eileen will meet new principal and revisit whether they will distribute paper flyers.

Greg will print flyers by 3/19 for Eileen and Sally O to distribute to schools.

Sally W will print some and distribute to downtown businesses.

Kristen will print a copy and put it out at the Exeter Library children's room.

Kristen will promote on facebook (Conservation Commission, DPW and Parks and Rec), the Latest News portion of the town's website, and will create an ad on EXTV 22.

Earth Day Green Minute:

Kristen made a slide deck for display during the recording of images of the tree committees efforts. Eileen is looking for volunteers to help record the audio.

FUUSE Lecture

Eileen will be presenting the tree committee's accomplishments at the end of the Lecture.

Other Business:

Deb will reach out to see if Kevin Martin is available to lead a tree walk in early June. We can advertise it at the Alewife Festival on 5/14.

Tree Labels – Parks and Rec can fund the purchase of up to 20 tree labels (\$35 for set up, \$10 ea. label). It was recommended to have 2 logos (Tree City and Town). Kristen will provide several layouts for review at the next meeting. The Committee needs to identify the list of trees to be labeled.

Greg shared that Dave Short has arranged for donation of labor to trim the trees at Swasey Parkway as part of an Arbor Day event.

Deb has agreed to set up the next Zoom meeting.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, April 5TH AT 8:30AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Murphy