Town of Exeter EXETER TREE COMMITTEE November 16, 2022 Draft Minutes

I. PRELIMINARIES:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Eileen Flockhart (Chairwoman), Sally Oxnard, Kevin Breen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Bisson (Exeter Parks and Recreation), Kristen Murphy (Planning Dept)

II. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Flockhart called the meeting to order at 8:35AM

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Upon motion by Eileen and second by Kevin, minutes of October 12th, 2022 were approved, unanimously without edits.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- We reviewed the tree walk by Kevin Martin and Greg Jordan with photos Sally Ward took mounted for future use, an attendance of 25, a great day
- Tree City paperwork needs still coming in......Greg will have info on loam and man hrs. as will Jay, have not received Unitil \$ figure yet, hope to have it ready to submit in early Dec.
- We did discuss adding a Growth Award to it and Kristen said she could help, Eileen will get back to her on that.
- Planning for a maintenance check on all our trees.... Kevin Breen will work with Jay to cover 3 main areas: LSS, MSS and Park St. Common and the 7 trees at Gilman Park. This can be done anytime and thru the winter. They will also check on the large Ash tree health in the common.
- Next set of tree labels: Greg Bisson said he has money in his budget to pay for the next 10-12 but he needs that info in Dec.
- Discussion of LSS and MSS tree labels, some very visible trees perhaps on Water St., with permission the Congregational church maples, Otto outdoor garden space, Stuart park tree. We will get names of trees to Greg B. by Dec. mtg.
- School connections with elementary Green teams are good, CMS builders club and other science teachers etc. needs to expand, SST has 2 students interested in forestry careers that could work with Kevin, Jay and some Unitil volunteers. Greg will check with John Brough at EAHS again
- Once a month highlighted tree person or effort to be posted on the Conservation commission Facebook page and then shared starting in Jan.

Next meeting Tues. Dec. 13, 2022 8:30am

Meeting adjourned 9:50am

Humbly submitted by Eileen Flockhart