

Exeter Tree Committee meeting May 9, 2023. Minutes

Present: Eileen Flockhart, Kristen Murphy, Greg Bisson, Sally Ward, Nick Papakonstantis, Steve Jones, Sally Oxnard

- 1) Minutes from April meeting accepted
- 2) Keith Schmitt from Lincoln Street School Green Team applied for and received a grant from The Arbor Day Foundation which includes some 1 to 2 inch diameter trees which will be delivered and need to be planted with students involved before school is out. Keith Schmidt will meet with Liz McKinly (who is the Arbor Day rep) and with Greg to decide on the place and time. There needs to be a care plan submitted to Arbor Day to fulfill the grant. We can call the planting date our Arbor Day Exeter! Consider adding a birdwatch or a tree walk on that day as a way to celebrate the green space we have between the elementary schools and Front Street.
- 3) Peter Waltz trees were distributed by him to 280 5th graders with the help of Judy Lamphere, Patsy Thayer, Heather Flewelling, and Eileen. We do have nice pix for our facebook page. Peter Waltz has been doing this for 30 years with info about planting trees.
- 4) Kevin Martin of the NH Big Trees program has a tree walk planned in Portsmouth on May 27.
- 5) Alewife Festival is from 10 to 1 on Saturday at the Founders' Park. We will have a table and drawing equipment and literature to hand out. Steve Jones volunteered from 10 to 11, Sally Ward from 11 to 12, Eileen will be there all day. Sally Oxnard will ask Sara Sankowicz for the fliers from Unital about caring for young trees. We will have a photo from the library scavenger hunt at our table. Greg Bisson has offered to let us use a tree diaper as part of our display at our table- Thanks Greg! Sarah Koff is having a Community Art demo at the Alewife festival- she donated the lovely logo.
- 6) Tree labels- Jay has the granite and Greg has the labels. We just need to get them installed.
- 7) LSS is still seeking perennial donations for the pollinator gardens.
- 8) Kevin Breen is offering a Riverwoods Arboretum walk- maybe in June, Eileen will get back to him.
- 9) We should consider a wildlife photo display to feature the elegant photos taken by our naturalists along the Exeter River as part of the Conservation Commission activities this spring.
- 10) Next meeting June 13.

Respectfully Submitted
Sally Oxnard MD