

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE WALLINGFORD TREE COMMISSION

May 8, 2024 6:30 PM at Town Hall

The first meeting of the Wallingford Tree Commission was called to order at 6:30.

Present: Rob Barker, Debbie Scranton, Bill Scranton, Jane Quigley, Denise Eddy (members)

Dennis Duhaime (guest, interested in being on this commission)

Election of Officers: R. Barker – President, B. Scranton - Vice-President, D. Scranton - Secretary

Community Canopy Tree Planting Grant. Last year the grant was a matching grant, minimum of \$5000. This year the grant has no matched funds, minimum of \$5000, with competitive bids needed for planting trees.

Timeline: Unable to meet May, 2024 first round grant application deadline  
Second round deadline for grant application is November, 2024.  
Closing deadline for grant application is January 25, 2025.  
Planting is to have been completed by July, 2025.

Suggested informational Involvement of members (links emailed by R. Barker):

~VT Urban & Community Forestry Conference, Randolph campus of VSU May 23, \$50 for training and lunch.

~ Tree Warden School on Extension Foundation On-Line Campus.

~ Inventory training with contact Joanne Garton, after Tree Warden training.

Tree Inventory of Wallingford, identifying trees to preserve, possible areas for planting. R. Barker will look into getting the app for aerial photos and GPS.

Wallingford Tree Warden (R. Barker) Budget is \$4000. Covers removal of dangerous or infected trees. Covers pruning of young trees, removal of guy wires by June 30.

Mission Statement will be needed for this new commission.

Next meeting to be monthly, after taking the Tree Warden on-line course, which will be followed by a walk in the village of Wallingford.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully submitted, D. Scranton

Minutes Approved 07/31/24