

Nantucket Tree Advisory Committee

Posted meeting of Oct. 17, 2024 at 3:00 PM

DPW Conference room, 188 Madaket Rd, with
Zoom Connectivity

Approved Minutes

Attendance: Dave Champoux (Tree Warden), Mary Longacre, Judy Deutsch(via zoom) Whitfield Bourne; Scott Williams DPW Staff, Dale Gary, Town Arborist , Jordan Gilson DPW Staff.

1. Call to Order

Dave Champoux called the 10/17/2024 meeting to order at 3:00pm and noted all in attendance.

2. Committee acceptance of agenda

The agenda was unanimously accepted.

3. Committee approval of the minutes

No minutes to approve

4. Announcements

None

5. Public Comment/ Discussion

None

6. Citizen/Departmental Requests

None

7. Old Business

43A Union Street update:

The homeowners petition to remove the garage was denied by HDC, who cited that its removal would destroy the historic look and feel of the street. It was also discussed that the removal of the slab would compromise the root system of the adjacent tree. The architect admitted they cannot build the house without removal of the garage. The homeowner stated they will appeal the HDC finding. Mary asked if they had applied for a removal hearing, to

which Dave stated they have not, but they did appear before the Tree Advisory Committee to discuss Helicoil piers, which was denied. Whit sited there was a letter to the editor from a neighbor of 43 Union Street expressing the need to keep the garage.

Stump Grinding:

Dave asked Dale for a stump grinding update. He said he is in the process of marking out the stumps and will be sending the location to the contractors for removal. Dale said he is continuing with planting but is using smaller potted cherry trees due to the new layout of the sidewalks. Dale also reported plantings of Elms on Main Street and Center Street. Dale said he has three trees to plant on center street. And sited the amount of stone dust under the side walks make planting difficult.

Dave asked for an update on the tree behind the Seven Seas. Dale reported that the property owner had someone claim that the tree is healthy despite his opinion that it is not. The property own claims the tree is hers.

Dave updated on Hooper Farm Road trees, that Eddie Chacon will be doing the install. Dale cautions about how the trees are planted. The trees will be New Harmony Elms.

Dale asked Dave to take a look at an Ash Tree across the street from 39 Hooper Farm Road at 38 Hooper to assess its condition.

Mary asked if the window to prune Elms was state mandated to a 11/1 date. Dale stated he waits to the 20th, but the actual recommendation is the first frost.

126 Main Street:

Dale stated that he checked on the property the other day. Dave recommended that Bartlett be called in to do the root feeding after the house is tied in to sewer.

8. New Business

Whit asked about the steamship plantings, Dale asked it put on an agenda for future discussion.

Whit also asked about property at the corner of south mill and pleasant street about planting in the yard. It was decided that the property owner would have to be contacted.

Dale said there will be trees replanted at the silver street parking lot once the sewer work has been completed.

Dave asked about the Phelan property on Pleasant street, and discussion turned to the bike path and bike path test lane that will happen once the sewer work is completed.

Mary asked Dale if he was leaving the old tree tags on the trees when he installs the new tags, as the old tags help to show a historic account of the tree being a town tree. Dale agreed and stated they are not removing the old tags.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 with a motion from Mary which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Charlie Polachi

Next meeting scheduled for November 14th at 3:00 PM in the DPW conference room with Zoom available.