

Minutes of Tree Alliance Meeting Wed. Sept. 8, 2021 4:00 P.M. Williams' Home

Present: Bob Mellstrom (Tree Warden), Pleun Bouricius, Dario Coletta, Anna Hanchett, Patrick Williamson, Judy Williams

Bob explained the Plainfield Tree Warden's budget for the present fiscal year: \$10,000 for tree removal, \$2000 for tree planting. Rich Parseletti, tree warden for Northampton, has offered to include orders for trees from Plainfield with his orders from one of two nurseries: Amherst Nursery & one in upstate New York. He estimates that each tree that we order will cost \$100 thus enabling us to order 20 trees for planting this year. The trees will be bare rooted and will be of 1-2" caliber. After tree alliance members select sites and determine species of trees Bob will order them and have them delivered to Plainfield. Planning an Arbor Day Tree Planting celebration for April 2022 was enthusiastically endorsed by those present at the meeting.

It was suggested that each member of the PTA present the name of a property owner at our next meeting (Monday, Oct. 4 @7:00 PM via ZOOM) who would welcome the gift and planting of a tree on their property. The location of the tree can be up to 20' from the right of way which is from the edge of the blacktop 10' horizontally. In other words the tree can be within 10'-30' from the edge of the pavement. A form for landowners to sign (based on other towns' forms) will protect the trees for 3-5 years from being cut, trimmed, or removed. After that period of time the trees are the responsibility of the landowners. There were questions as to whether the trees can be protected for a longer period of time and Bob indicated that he would look into it. Bob, also, pointed out that an agreement is necessary with the landowners in order to expend town funds.

Members of the PTA requested copies of species that are available from the two nurseries in order to determine what species would be best suited for a specific location. The PTA's brochure of species and specific criteria for each species will be helpful in making a decision as to what should be planted in a certain location.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M. Please plan to attend the Oct. 4 ZOOM meeting at 7:00 P.M. With a suggestion for a location and species for the planting of 1 or more trees .

Respectfully submitted.

Judith Bryan Williams