

# Town of Brunswick

## Tree Committee

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

7:00 PM

Zoom

### MINUTES

**Attendees:** John Hodapp, Jane Crichton, Jesse Bishop, chair, Jane Nichols-Ecker, Dennis Wilson, and Dan Ankeles

#### I. Introductions

Jesse opened the meeting and introduced our newest member, Jane Crichton. Welcome Jane. We are pleased to have a doubling of members since December 2021!

#### II. Old Business

##### a. Tree Nursery/Arbor Week 2022

Successful tree identification walk on the lower mall, led by Jesse Bishop.

Successful opening of the Tree Nursery on Industry Road. Good promotion, with the help of Counselor Dan Ankeles, in the press. Dennis Wilson, Town Arborist, has received requests from other communities to lend his advice and guidance in developing a tree nursery in their own communities. Murals are now up. Nursery is now full. Discussed expansion plans for the nursery, Phase II.

Dennis Wilson related a plan to plant american chestnut trees at the Town Commons. He will send out a request for help in this planting. Also, discussed the reforestation project of the esplanade. Dennis will make it known when help from the committee and community will be needed.

Dennis has received the certificate for the Tree USA status.

#### III. New Business

##### a. Committee Charge

Created a list of possible pursuits for the committee. Discussed at length members' interests and the desires of the Town Council to help inform the goals of the committee and the intention to pursue these topics of interest in the form of

subcommittees.

**Action:** Members expressed interest in being part of a subcommittee that aligned with their particular interests. The subcommittees will meet and report back to the full committee, through email and regularly scheduled meetings.

**Subcommittees:** Jane, Jane and Dan expressed interest in policy issues that could be addressed, in relation to the protection of our trees and shrubs and in the promotion of plantings in our community. The ideas to be discussed include but are not limited to the downtown sidewalk replacement project, developing policy around the need to create requirements for residential and commercial projects to replace trees that have been cut to develop a property, and the Cooks Corner Master Plan, in cooperation with other town committees and boards, such as the conservation committee, planning dept., and development office.

Jesse, John and Dennis are interested in pursuing the expansion of the tree nursery, creating a new map of Brunswick's trees with a possible online map, Update the inventory of town trees, look into map of town owned property as possible site to plant more trees, update self guided tree tour pamphlet, Planting Plan.

Subcommittees will share with other members their progress by email and at subsequent meetings of the committee.

**Additional Action:** To update the Charge of the Committee to reflect its interest in becoming a more robust and involved committee that could act in an advisory manner to the Town, as part of the Town's stated commitment to sustainability. A shared document was distributed to the committee members to work on the evolution of the committee's charge before the next meeting.

#### **b. Community Outreach**

Community outreach by the tree committee was discussed as part of the committee charge above.

#### **IV. Establish Meeting Dates**

Future meeting dates will be established by the committee via email so Jane C, who dropped from the meeting, can be included.

#### **V. Other Business**