

## **Milton Shade Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday September 10, 2019.** Location: Fuller Village Library.

**Members present:** Nancy Chisholm, Christine Paxhia, Jean Powers, Kristen Kleiman, Fred Taylor, and Branch Lane, Milton Tree Warden and Ex-Officio committee member.

**Members absent:** Laura Beebe, Carol Stocker

**Called to order:** 7:15 pm

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes from 7/11/2019 approved. **Fred will submit to Town Clerk**

**Neighborhood Association meeting.** Kristen and Fred attended the July 23 meeting and presented STAC inventory findings and urged the neighborhood groups to have home owners request a tree at the DPW website. Unfortunately only five of the neighborhood groups (maybe of 12-15?) were in attendance, so **we should continue to try to contact all the groups.**

**Meeting with Chase Berkeley.** On August 20 Nancy and Fred met with Chase in his office to get tree planting update. Chase said that they were getting 3-5 tree requests each week, 132 since January, and they are promoting tree requests on the town twitter feed and Facebook page. They had \$72K in the town budget for FY2019 and planted over 200 new trees. This spring and summer the planting has been done by DPW employees instead of contracting out and the tree gators are being filled using a DPW watering truck. We discussed tagging trees in the DPW yard as tall or short so that they can be sited according to where there are overhead wires. **We need to follow up on tagging trees and sending letters to homeowners about tree care.**

**DPW tree planting program:** Fred is almost done with this year's tree inventory update. 263 new trees have been entered into the database so far. The DPW is not entering all the new plantings into the DPW Shade Tree Form, which means all the streets should be resurveyed. Hornbeam, red maple, crabapple, hackberry, and Prospector elm are the main trees being planted. **Fred to complete.**

**Tree City.** Hillary received a Tree City street sign. **Follow-up on where it will be displayed and maybe put article in Milton Times.**

**Emerald Ash Borer Monitoring:** In June Fred had put sticky traps in an ash tree on Mark Lane and in an ash grove near Pine Tree Brook. He took down the traps mid-August and sent some possible EAB to the DCR for identification, but was told they were not EAB. So no infestation at those sites so far.

**Tree remediation planting at Conneely site on Hillside and Parkwood.** At our July meeting we discussed the two newly planted oak trees that need to be replaced. No update was available. **Need to follow-up with Carol Stocker.**

**Milton Access Cable TV Spotlight Program.** Nancy was contacted about having STAC members interviewed on a program. **Christine will follow up, possibly with Kristen and Fred participating on either Sept 26 or Oct 1.**

**Celebrate Milton.** Scheduled for Oct 6. STAC will have a table promoting tree requests and tree care. So far Christine and Fred will participate. **Nancy will sign us up and work on a handout (Hillary Waite can print them out?). Christine will send email to rest of group.**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday October 22 at 7 pm in Fuller Village Library.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.