

## Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday April 1, 2020

6:30 pm

online Zoom meeting

Prepared by Bill Mehls

(Please contact him with corrections and/or additions.)

Members: (x indicates attended)

Judi Cermak	-	John Goodwin	x	Laura Ouimette	x
Stephanie Crimm	x	Shawn Kenaley	-	Dave Poteet	x
Elizabeth Hane	x	Bill Mehls	x	Berna Ticonchuk	-

Also in attendance: Ellen Polimeni  
Kevin Fagan, RG&E Arborist

**Discussion of electric line trimming with Kevin Fagan:** The current round of trimming is on a three year bid which, in this area, was won by Birchcrest for '20, '21 and '22. A plus is that there will be the same crews and foreman, Steve Guichard, that have trimmed here before. They know our requests and have followed the RG&E trimming guidelines well. Only part of the city and nearby area will be trimmed, about 138 miles. We examined the maps of the circuits to see where they have started and will continue. Since the trees were trimmed to establish right-of-way clearances five years ago this round will just be sucker plucking. (Additional Arlington Street note below.)

Kevin is glad to work with Stephanie when ash trees and others need to be removed around electric lines. She can also contact him with any other questions that come up from us. Kevin is happy to meet with us annually to talk through how the trimming is going. Bill will send a thank you note to Kevin.

**March 7th email:** Request from Dr. Kevin Brown in Saanich, British Columbia for information on our Heritage Tree program, which we hope to expand this year. Bill will reply with answers to his questions.

**March 21st email:** Request from Travis Money on an EAB infestation in the Pickering Street area. Ellen will respond to him. The recommendation is to not spend money trying to treat his own ash trees. They are mostly likely doomed.

**March 23rd email:** Request from the Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Cooperative at the University of Vermont to add our City tree inventory data to their public archive. John approved the request since the information is already available to the public on the City website. Laura will respond to them.

### News and Notes:

**Eastern Blvd. project:** Berna took the lead and responded to the Planning Commission with our approval of the landscape plan with changes we requested.

**Fifth Grade DEC posters:** Laura still hopes to be able to display the posters after the lockdown orders have been lifted, and will coordinate that event.

**Arlington Street ash trees:** There are trees that need to be removed around the electric lines which are in the Town. Kevin will coordinate with James Fletcher, Highway Supt.

**Arbor Day:** A tree will be planted and a proclamation made on Friday April 24th but there will probably not be a public event.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday May 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm probably by online Zoom meeting**