

Maynard Tree Corps very laid back, extreme Social Distancing meeting – March 16, 2020

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- Long discussion on financing and how to donate money and share these potential resources with the town...[sorry, it was such a casual conversation and I felt like waiting, so didn't take notes...but Laura comes online and now we restart that conversation – thanks Laura!]
  - o We should work on a mission so we can submit to Sudbury Valley Trustees to help set up financing
    - Finance manager of SVC wants to know something more specific
    - If we fundraise, are we getting the cart before the horse; are our ideas compatible with Justin?
    - We want to do stuff independently, but not cross lines
    - So, because Tree Committee meeting is postponed, hard to know what to do
- We could work on a tree manual like Lexington's, make it our own, share it with the gov for their website to help guide residents....
  - o Should we contact Justin? [stems from question if town gov workers are working remotely]
- Wouldn't it make more sense to keep MTC independent from Tree Committee? Wasn't Tree Committee just used to get funds?
  - o Not necessarily so...
  - o MTC should work independently from Tree Committee, raise funds, and etc.
- What were our top priorities?
  - o Some were dated and some were canceled
  - o Then Arbor Day event; goes over onto Tree Committee work
    - Plan to plant more than one, which would make it more MTC
    - Sesquicentennial starts on April 19....might be canceled...but not canceled yet
    - April 27-28, will it be canceled?
- List of Native Trees for planting?
  - o Neil came up with list, shared with Tim, Lee, & Kate
  - o Discussion on how many trees to present, so the document is fluid
  - o Laura would love to raise money from an approved list for things people would plant
  - o Neil will pick it back up
  - o For planting on town hall, we could do this independently of town hall;
  - o Could help raise \$\$ for people who cannot afford to buy trees
    - Would love to have something positive to give to the community during this historic period
  - o Russell's delivers trees

- Maynard Community Gardeners get discounts at Russell's
- If we say, "hey, we will put in a bulk order, ...." They might give us a discount
- Could get it through Cavicchio's
- Need to nail down the list – will do!
- Have to have a conversation with Justin about where the line is
  - What actions does he have to approve or not?
- Did folks share pictures?
  - Yes, some
- So many unknowns on how to work given COVID; should be less than 10 people.
  - We will generally uphold the spirit of self-isolation; generally think not to meet in person

### **General Wrap up**

- Limited actions we can take given what is happening
- Set up deals with nurseries to get some plantings done in the fall
- Some publicity in the newspaper to get launched...
- Along these lines, we will have a Virtual Tree Hike on Friday, March 20, 2020; depends on if new phone works and we can figure the whole process out.
- Setting the next date...
  - Maybe set the date in a couple weeks?
  - Restrictions and unknowns better known
  - Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 on Zoom
- **Homework:**
  - Look at Lexington Tree Manual
  - Finalize the logo
  - Approve Tree list
  - Get notes online