

**April 17, 2020 Maynard Tree Corps Meeting** - Maynard's 150th anniversary  
Planting

**Attending:** Laura Mattei, Kate Wheeler, Neil Pederson, Jodi Bebe, Leslie Bryant, Lee Caras, Orian Greene

1. Appoint chair and note taker.
  1. Neil taking Notes
  2. Kate Chair
  
2. Approve notes from last meeting.
  1. Approved!
  
3. Are we planting a tree this spring on Fowler Middle School property in honor of Maynard's 150th anniversary? Tentative action items:
  1. Yes, it is on the northeast side of the site
  2. What kind of tree?
    1. Tulip-poplar
    2. American basswood
      - [why is it not on the list?! "I don't know – I'll add it"]
    3. Tulip-poplar is the tallest documented tree in eastern North America; extremely fast growing; can grow 20-22' around, 7-9' in diameter
    4. Should we assume we need to amend the soil?
      1. Yes!

Lead: Tim for which tree to plant at this site

- 3.a. Approval from School Principal. Who else? Gently inform Justin/Kaitlyn,
  1. Tim has a great repore with the principal
  2. Lee will speak with Justin & Kaitlin about this

1. Let him know that we are doing it, so he doesn't hear it from the rumor mill

Lead: Lee

### 3.b. Tree species, size, from which vendor, price?

- Kevecchio's - are they righteous? Do they not use chemicals?
- Native Plant Trust? Do they have many trees
  - They do, but often 4-7 foot trees
- Grow Native put Jodi in touch with New England Wetland Plants.  
Website: newp.com
  - \$250 minimum order; Delivery options?
  - tulip poplar \$13/ea? 4-6 feet tall - Really?
  - maybe this is a good source to get trees for people around Maynard to plant in their yards
- Russell's delivers, but their stock seems very low right now

Lead: Leslie will reach out to Steve

### 3.c. Funds, pass the hat among us?

- yes, pretty much all of us on this call are happy to pay
- need for the tree,
  - mulch,
  - soil amendment,
  - tree watering bag,
  - stakes,
  - educational labels;
    - Acton Arboretum is redoing labels; Kate will check up on what they are working on; maybe brass or something more permanent would be better given the celebration & importance of the 150<sup>th</sup>; brass one more likely to be removed
    - maybe plaque not needed at the time of planting
    - but, would be a tool for learning; DBH at time of planting and other info so students can measure it.

- Ballpark estimate:

- \$200-300 could cover anything, but we want a taller tree
- collect up to \$400-500; don't have to spend it at one point
- Laura will talk to SVT about fundraising;
  - how long do we want SVT to be a fiscal sponsor, etc.?
- Lead: Jodi Bebe will collect the funds; 20 Hillside Street, Maynard, MA

3.d. Ten people to be at the planting, who?

- maybe principal knows best on who to invite
- best to invite a Fowler child....maybe someone from the composting group?
  - leave it in the hands of the principal to invite.
- is this too much of an event? Maybe people felt left out?
  - maybe keep it to Town people only
- So, summary list invites:
  - should have a board of selectman
  - 150th Committee rep
- need to invite fast
- what are the Corona virus restrictions? Ten is the legal number
- do the PR people count as a 10 people limite

Lead: Kate?

3.e. PR, WAVM streaming, FB, Beacon, Globe MetroWest, talking points about Maynard Tree Corps, posters, ask Larry Schultz to advertise to Green Committee/Earth Day students?

- to explain who we are and highlight what we are doing
- can we make this a public presentation to start interest and momentum?
- Beacon Villager
- Brent Mathison film it so we can archive it.
- write something out, like a speech, to state the importance of the event/tree planting

Lead: Jodi, assisted by Orian

### 3.f. Maintenance/watering?

- do we want to commit to doing this?
  - yes! People on this call willing to pitch in on
  - how to plant these trees? What does a young tree need?
    - Orian sent the recommendations from the Lexington tree group with specific information

Lead: Neil

## **Timing: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- Likely need to go get things

## **Next Meeting**

- Possible April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 or 3 pm; will confirm soon
- Zoom meeting
- Neil will set up a zoom meeting

### **The following tabled for 5 May meeting**

4. Tree List. What next? Do we need to borrow some planting instructions from Lexington Tree Manual to be part of the Tree List package online? Leads on actions:

5. Fundraising! Ideas include a program to offer residents a discounted price (depends on one of our kind wholesaling members) to purchase a tree from our Tree List for their own property. We would place the order, take a small "service fee/donation" which goes to a Maynard tree fund.

Direct appeals to businesses and individuals, is this an appropriate time to ask?

How do we define and describe our mission if we are asking SVT to hold our funds? (Kate's effort to rough draft this follows the agenda items below.)

6. Tree Manual, shall we table to 5 May meeting?
7. Maynard's Own Trees project on our webpages. Any new tree pix/stories for this ongoing project? Neil is lead contact.
8. Maynard Tree ID and ecology video talks by Neil, Brent and families, so grateful, more please and thank you! How can we support this? Neil is lead contact.
9. Happy stories, what are we planting in our gardens this spring? Where are we buying material?