

April 7, 2020 meeting of Maynard Tree Corps

Present: Jan Rosenberg, Laura Mattei, Leslie Bryant, Orian Green, Neil Pederson, Kate Wheeler, Lee Caras

1. **Choose meeting chair and note taker**
 - a. Kate chairing meeting, Neil note taker
2. **Agenda revisions/additions/decide on next meeting date**
 - a. **Next Meeting Date** – Tuesday, May 5th 7 pm
3. **Review Candidate Tree List**
 - a. Broadly, nice; like the little comments; positive response
 - b. What do we think about Justin's thoughts?
 - i. Worth consulting with him to get his thoughts
 - ii. Might alter it a bit given Justin's thoughts, but more of a resource for the public wanting to plant trees
 - c. Don't think the list is overwhelming
 - d. All native species
 - e. **Action->** Wetland to Upland Division of Trees would be good
 - f. shall we share with public via our tree corps website?
 - i. Yes, but let's give courtesy to Justin & Kaitlin, but make clear it is a resource outside of the trees
 - ii. **Action->** Put a date on the top of the list
 - iii. "Politics" – should we remove climate change from this document?
 1. No!
 - iv. Evolving document? Pictures?
 1. Yes, that's the plan
4. **Begin our review of the Lexington Tree Manual (not the Bylaws)**
 - a. Confession – not all of us have read it
 - b. Tree Management Manual from 2012 – that's it
 - i. https://www.lexingtonma.gov/sites/lexingtonma/files/uploads/lex_tree_manual_11_29_12final_small.pdf
 - c. Two parts of it
 - i. Part 1 – working with official tree committee body, talks about tree warden, etc
 1. That likely needs to wait for us; need to work with Justin to develop that part

- ii. Part 2 – how to plant a tree, what is a girdling root, good trees to plant, how to prune
 - 1. None of that is specific to the town
 - 2. But has specific goals, like planting 1 tree for every tree removed
 - 3. On page three they said we could use their material and illustrations if we credit them
 - a. So generous!
- iii. We can bring our experiences to bear and skip the official material
 - 1. Laura sits on the MA invasive species list, so we have expertise
- iv. What about the invasive species list?
 - 1. Maybe we should put some information and say why we didn't chose some species
 - 2. But, invasive species will change so fast that it will have to keep our document up to date
 - 3. We probably should give enough information to raise awareness and then provide links for more information
- v. Lexington's manual is comprehensive, Watertown has a planting strip, but perhaps Maynard doesn't have enough space for a planting strip?
 - 1. Likely requires more discussion
- vi. Could Steve Smith check over the pruning section for us to verify?
- vii. Orian knows the person putting together the new Lexington manual, Nancy Sofen
 - 1. A thorough researcher
 - 2. Could she help us compose and form the manual?
 - a. Like, how to deal with smaller budgets
 - b. More concentrated spacing for planting
 - 3. Waiting for it to be approved by the Selectmen
 - 4. Would we like to hear from her?
 - a. What would the purpose to meet with her?
 - i. How did they start their process
 - ii. Did they assemble experts?
 - iii. Did they get community input?
 - iv. What kinds of things have made them change the manual several times?
- viii. Once it is done, what about making bound copies for the library and other places so people know about it?

1. Library is making a tree library, so the timing is good
 - a. Children's books
 - b. Other types of books
2. Advertise in the newspaper that the manual has been created
3. Also, put bound copies in places where people have to sit and wait, like barber shops & hairdresser, pot shops!, banks
- ix. **Action->** Would 2-3 people like to go through it and start drafting ours from pieces that would be useful?
 1. Orian, Tim?,
 2. Please volunteer if you are so inclined

5. Catchup on logo design; are we there yet?
 - a. Took a poll about circles around the leaves. That is where we are
 - i. More of us liked the circles than not
 - b. Idea that we could use different sections to use in different places was set
 - c. Just haven't heard from Tim to go forth
 - d. Typeface
 - i. Think we preferred the taller, simpler text
 - e. Probably cannot talk about it until we hear from Tim
 - f. **Action->** Request from Tim to send what he thinks is the final choice to finalize

6. Arbor Day and Earth Day and downtown planting situation; any brief updates?
 - a. Earth Day canceled by Larry;
 - b. Arbor Day – everyone is excused this year to qualify for Tree City U.S.A.
 - i. Maybe we could do a virtual tree planting?
 1. Have, somehow, a tree moved and set nearby and then film one person plant while one other person films from a safe distance
 2. Would like need approval from Town to make sure it doesn't violate the shelter in place rules
 3. Important to highlight Justin
 4. Middle School is a good place for first planting
 5. **Action->** approach Justin about a virtual planting

7. Reminder about Urban Forests Webinar tomorrow, sent to us by Kaitlin Young, Maynard Conservation Agent, (see below)
 - a. Is free
 - b. Is anyone going to be able to watch?
 - c. Kaitlin placed the information for watching the Webinar in an email

8. Anything else, and close meeting
 - a. Virtual Hikes?
 - i. Yes, go forth with them
 - ii. **Action->** Create YouTube page to archive the hikes and then link back to our web pages
 - iii. Here is our FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Maynard-Tree-Corps-100660548194158>
 - b. Can we somehow honor trees; people nominate trees to share on FaceBook and other places
 1. Like Champion Trees, but we define it
 2. Could be a list with photos
 3. Could be a walking tour
 4. Eeep, ergo "Yikes!." Neil already created something like it on FaceBook, the 'Trees Only' in Maynard photo album
 5. **Action->** Please share photos and a story about your favorite tree with Neil (mockernut@gmail.com) and he will post on FaceBook and Instagram
 - ii. Our Instagram page:
 1. <https://www.instagram.com/maynardtreecorps/>
 - iii. Our Web Page:
 1. <https://maynardtrees.com/>
 - iv. Tree Survey update?
 1. No news yet
 2. Thought there would be an update online

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