

Tree Corps Meeting Minutes: Wed. April 7, 2021

Present: Leslie Bryant, Orian Greene, Lee Caras, Neil Pederson, Steve Smith, Ada Woolston, Jodi Beebe

Lee talked about the Select Board meeting. They had approved the gift of the tree donated by Steve. A town resident, Lisa T of Garfield St had complained about the poor state of trees in town and said the town shouldn't plant more trees if they can't take care of what they already have.

Steve is planning to tag trees on Tuesday of the coming week. Delivery to be scheduled for Friday before the Saturday planting. Steve will the truck and unload the tree. It will be a white oak. Steve will get the gator bag from Tim that had been on the tulip poplar.

What is our water supply?

Jodi: maybe the Outdoor Store, which allows the garden club to use their outside faucet.

Neil stated that we are in a severe drought, the worst in 20 years.

Steve: We can put Terrasorb (sp) into the soil mix .

Setting planting day schedule:

Kate wants to separate the morning planting event from the afternoon tree walk

Dedication set for 11:00

Neil suggested route starting at the triangle along Rt. 27 and Concord Ave, going along Rail Trail into the downtown.

Orain wants to split the events also

Discussed talking points of the planting lecture and the tree walk.

Steve will dig the hole at 9:00. Tim will assist

Afternoon walk to begin at 1:00.

Lee will create poster for the event: Arbor Day celebration of Maynard's 150th anniversary

Steve was indifferent about a public sign declaring his gift of the tree

Jodi: to develop press release. Lee stated that it is a joint project of the Tree Corps and the Tree Committee

Jodi will give Leslie the press release. Leslie will contact Hollie Camaro if the Beacon Press Discussed mulching. Steve is not a fan of bark mulch; prefers leaf mulch.

Inviting dignitaries: Kate has already invited the Select Board. Will invite Jan Picarelli of the 150th committee. Jodi will invite Ellen Duggan

Sign for tree will include: height, date, tree type, etc.

Lee will create poster tomorrow to circulate for comment

Orian will liability wrangler for planting day. Will get forms from Justin

Neil: Asked if anyone had ideas about what he should talk about on the walk. David Mark knows how many trees were cut to create the Rail Trail.

What if it rains on planting day? Tree walk rain or shine. If pouring, we'll plant on Sunday at 1:00.

Next meeting Monday 26th at 5:00 to do last-minute check-in

