

Tree Corps Meeting Minutes 3/24/2021 by Zoom

Present: Kate Wheeler, Leslie Bryant, Neil Pederson, Lee Caras, Jodi Beebe, Steve Smith, Orian Greene

Discussed arbor Day celebration plans:

Arbor Day Sesquicentennial Tree Planting May 1.

One tree to be planted along rail trail behind CVS. Justin gave go ahead to dig by hand.

Discussed possibility of using a backhoe. Justin has approved site. Letter has been sent to Select Board which will deliberate on April 6th. Lee will remind Justin of this at next Tree Committee meeting, March 31.

Discussed type of tree: cucumber magnolia, white oak. Discussed possible poor soil quality.

Must ask Justin how we will source water after the planting.

Community event: The Tree Corps will Give a tree planting demonstration to the Maynard Community Gardeners when the tree is planted behind CVS. Jodi is liaison person between the two groups.

Tree will be purchased from Cavicchio's. Gift of Steve Smith and family. Perhaps to be delivered the day before planting ceremony. Hole cannot be dug before planting because of liability. Steve will select and tag the tree for purchase. If not possible to find a magnolia, then back up tree species will be white oak.

Steve Smith will donate the tree. The Tree Corps will use its funds to purchase lom and, gator bag, etc. Can we get gator bags with logos? Steve suggested contacting Top Cat Productions.

Tree Walk May 1st. Neil will lead walk. Discussed what the walk/talk will entail: route, topics covered, etc. Neil proposed starting at Summer St, along Rail Trail, talk about our plans and the trees that have been planted, why some have thrived and others not.... Proposed time? 2-4 or concurrent with the digging?

Neil's walk 9-10:30?

Dig hole: 9:00?

Invite to tree planting: Kate Hogan and Jamie Eldridge, Select Board members. 11:00

What to call the downtown tree planting: Downtown Tree Arboretum?

Justin wants a poster so it can be advertised and so we can use it for our Arbor Day Tree City application.

No news from Justin about downtown trees. Steve thinks all but one have been found for purchase. Steve will go tag trees at nursery.

Next meetings:

April 7

April 21