

**Minutes
Hampden Tree Board
Subcommittee of the Hampden Town Council Services Committee
January 13, 2010 @ 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Tree Board was called to order at 6:35pm on Wednesday January 13, 2010, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Gretchen Heldmann.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Lance Case
Larry Bruen
Chris Packard

Note: Not enough members were present to constitute a quorum, so all items here are just brainstorming items and some may need a vote to finalize them at the next meeting.

1. Introductions

Introductions not necessary.

2. Business

A. Tree City USA application for recertification

Gretchen completed the application and sent it in well ahead of the deadline.

B. Arbor Day 2010 Proclamation

Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 4pm.

C. Officers elections

No one present was interested in becoming Chair. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. Finalize acceptable native species planting list

Chris will re-share the Google Docs link to the list that was put together and sent out some time ago.

E. Development of other educational materials

Lance reported on the workshop he attended and will scrounge up those materials. He will also get more detail on the Project Learning Tree stuff. The group agreed that public education would be best focused in the schools at this time. George Weatherbee school has an

environmental field day of sorts. The group also thought it would be wise to air videos the weeks of Arbor Day and Earth Day on the local cable channel. A question was raised as to if there is an Asian Longhorned Beetle video, Gretchen will check with Jan at the Maine Forest Service. Larry stated he could drop off some arborist catalogs that sell educational pamphlets that we could choose and order from.

F. Website work

It was suggested that to get ideas on how to improve our website, to look at the Project Canopy site which links to the other Tree Cities in the state and check out their websites to see what they are doing.

G. Tree care plan

Chris will email everyone again the link to the shared document on Google Docs. People should refresh their memory of the ordinance.

H. Street Tree plan

Chris will email everyone again the link to the shared document on Google Docs. It may be possible to get an intern or work study student from Unity College to help with a street tree inventory.

3. Adjournment.

The next meeting is February 10, 2010 at 6:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist