

**Minutes  
Hampden Tree Board & Friends of Dorothea Dix  
Subcommittee of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee  
March 03, 2009 @ 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Tree Board was called to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 03, 2009, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Jim Feverston.

Bob Osborne, Town Planner  
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director  
Jim Feverston  
Jane Jarvi  
Lance Case  
Chris Packard  
Shelby Wright

**1. Introductions**

No introductions needed.

**2. Business**

**A. Project Canopy**

The express purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the preparation of a Project Canopy grant application for improvements to the Lura Hoit Pool site located at 146 Western Avenue.

Jane reported the following:

The Boy Scouts (fourth through seventh graders) may participate. They are interested in future walking tour or tree tour.

The Girl Scouts have expressed interest in community support projects according to Sally Jones and Cora.

The Garden Club is interested in planting perennials and rhododendrons provided that the soils have been prepared in advance and have asked for a presentation from the Tree Board.

Kiwanis have expressed interest in providing some manpower for the project as this falls under their mission area of community enhancement.

The weekend of June 14, 2009 was discussed as this is the weekend following high school graduation.

Jim suggested Chris Caldwell, Youth Basketball League, Newburgh as a contact for participation. Kurt suggested Dewey Martin, Hampden Educational Athletic Trust, Hampden as a contact for participation.

Shelby discussed where the process is regarding bids, planting lists, contacts, etc.

Chris discussed the draft planting map and the draft narrative. He noted a few variations from the list such as white ash which is a tap root and that we not use white pine because of the less than desirable appearance that it sometimes takes on.

Shelby noted that a final planting budget for the Council Services Committee is needed by their March 9, 2009 meeting. This would require a list of planting soil, mulch, delivery costs, tree guards, a three-year maintenance plan including watering.

Some possible names were suggested for participation for corporate sponsorship including Bill Hodgdon, Dysarts, Greenway Equipment and Herb Sargent. It was suggested that we must seek good verbal commitments at this time to proceed.

The intent prior to the Services Committee Meeting is to create a good overview now and to allow for some finalization subsequently. The items to take to committee are the maximum budget, planting list, supply list, labor costs and Project Canopy materials. It was noted that a letter indicating that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into the grant would be needed. It was also suggested that a short narrative be created describing the Tree Board and its members.

The Tree Board spent the remainder of the meeting working on the planting map.

### **3. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Osborne  
Town Planner