

TFW Agenda for Wednesday, July 19, 2017

1. TFW minutes for May and June

2. TFW financial statement for July

3. TFW Teen Tree Stewardship Program Progress report, first 3 weeks Plans, second 3 weeks Expense review and projections

4. Reschedule Annual Meeting/Day of Engagement to Sunday September 24

David M has an urgent family schedule conflict the weekend of September 17. "Call of the Forest" 85 min, \$30 DVD. Is available starting Sept 21.

Sort of a cheerful doomsday warning, the Canadian documentary Call of the Forest offers a look at the history of trees across the world, and what man taking them away has done to the earth over time. Using the amiable Irish botanist Diana Beresford-Kroeger as a guide, Jeff McKay's film travels to Japan, California, Ireland and Canada to visit various forest growths and lay out what their worth is to the world—clean air, nutrients, ecosystems, fresh water—while planting metaphorical red flags about the consequences of their destruction. It's all very earnest and sobering, not to mention beautifully shot by the director himself.

- **5. TFW annual meeting envelope stuffing Monday August 14?** Libby will be away starting Thursday August 17.
- **6.** Saturday September 30 is Faire on the Square, 10 4. Volunteers to set up, break down, staff the TFW table?
- 7. Allocation of legal responsibility vs maintenance responsibility for Watertown public shade trees is a problem which must be addressed. Latest exhibit: Saltonstall Park oak pruning at the end of June.

8. Watertown Tree Ordinance?

Latest example of the need: threat of elimination of forested berm with 52 significant-sized trees, 385 Pleasant Street

9. Environmentally impactful planning discussions coming up shortly

- Victory Field Phase II Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Tues July 25 7 pm
 Lower Hearing Room
- second 385 Pleasant Street Community Meeting Thurs July 27 6:30 pm
 Watertown Police Station
- Town Council Committee on Human Services
 Thurs Aug 3 7-9 pm
 Town Council Chamber
 "The Committee will discuss site characteristics for open space
 acquisition in order to develop a priority site plan."
- Arsenal Park Design Kick-off Community Meeting Tuesday Aug 15 6:30-8:30 Watertown Library