

TFW Agenda March 21, 2018 at Sasaki Associates

Today's TFW agenda items

- 1. Welcome our guests.
- 2. Review February minutes and March 2018 financial statement.
- 3. 2018 Teens for Trees Program update

Teen recruitment, engagement with town organizations, fundraising, website development TFW grant reporting obligations, Paypal Donate button for TFT?

- 4. TFW-organized Arbor Day event is a go per Steve Magoon plans? Friday, April 27
- 5. Tree Warden recruitment ways TFW can assist?
- 6. New Business
 - -- TFW May 5 Watertown Helps Out activity?
 - -- Tree Walk in May join me as docent? Stephanie Venizelos encouraged this, and Kerry Feltner of Watertown TAB would like to video
 - -- Armenian Tree Project collaboration? (see Sohegian proposal)

Items from this past month (or so)

1. **Feb 28:** Complete Streets Community Meeting - see docs at http://www.ci.watertown.ma.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=20900 Libby sent Public Works Committee members the Somerville Green Standard zoning code supplement proposal Gina Foglia provided.

March 20: Public Works Committee reviews and make recommendations on the Complete Streets plan.

- 2. March 5: 39th Annual UMass Community Trees Conference David M and Anita Roy Dobbs attended. **** TFW reimburse registration fees? (\$90 + \$75 = \$165)
- 3. March 12: Conservation Commission meeting: Arsenal Park Planning Review, Whitney Hill Woods Report, Tree Warden search update. TW position is still open. Job description has been off the town website since the beginning of February.
- 4. March 13: Joint PW-R&O meeting on strategies for improving Watertown's urban forest cancelled due to storm. New date not yet set.
- 5. March 15: Stormwater Advisory Committee discussed green infrastructure for parking lots. **** David Jay summarize?
- 6. March 19: Planning Board meeting: 33 Mt Auburn project: Approved w conditions. Town plans trees on sidewalk. 385 Pleasant St. project: Approved w conditions. TFW will work with #385 landscape architect on tree species. **** Volunteers?
- 7. Michele Waldman talked with Brian Costello about adding public shade trees along Warren Street on 100 Warren Street Senior Housing property. Libby and Michele will meet on site with him to discuss further. However: no Town tree planting this Spring (no Tree Warden to contract and oversee)
- 8. **Cambridge Stony Brook Conduit Property along Linear Park:** big Norway maple was taken down (Michele W witnessed). Other agreed-on tree removals also done. Big American elm canopy thinned to reduce stress on codominant leaders.

Upcoming: March 31-April 1 - Edgecliff neighborhood canvassing. Canvassers will hand out neighborhood group flyer, Watertown TW Tree Request forms, and TFW membership brochures.

**** Board approval needed for brochure printing expense.

Awaiting action: Consortium of neighboring town tree groups to discuss common issues. Further Delta planning.