

TFW Agenda May 23, 2018 at Sasaki Associates

Today's TFW agenda items

- 1. Welcome!
- 2. Review April minutes.
- 3. Review May 2018 financial statement.
- 4. Summary of events this past month.
- 5. Discussion of 2018 TFW Teens for Trees Program progress and challenges.
- 6. New Business
- 7. Upcoming events in June:
 - --- Saturday, June 2, 10 am, Saltonstall Park, rain or shine: Genie Johnston, TFW board member and passionate naturalist, will lead Live Well Watertown's Natural Trails Day nature walk along the Charles River.
 - --- 2018 TFW Teens for Trees Program begins

Events from this past month

- 1. April 26: **Arbor Day Celebration at the Commander's Mansion.** Thanks to Michelle Cokonougher, Watertown DCDP and broad community support recruited by Michelle.
- 2. April 27: **Rope-climb of a backyard oak tree, supervised by Joe Buck.** Four adults and three youngsters participated in this experimental climb.
- 3. April 30: Joint Public Works-Rules&Ordinances Committee met on regulations/strategies for better care of Watertown's urban forest. Short but productive meeting. *The Committee Report is attached (20180508 Joint PW and RO Committee Report Tree Protection).*
- 4. May 1: **Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting at Hosmer School.** Thanks to David Jay, and help from Judy Falkoff, Watertown DCDP, Hosmer School staff and Leo's Landscaping.
- 5. May 1: FY 2019 Budget proposes full-time Forestry Supervisor/Tree Warden DPW position.
- 6. May 5: **Libby and DavidM led TFW Watertown Helps Out Tree Hunts to help populate TFW's online interactive Watertown Tree Map.** Four enthusiastic participants in the morning, twelve in the afternoon, incl. toddler participants in both sessions. Seven tree pix added to the Tree Map at bit.ly/watertowntrees.

Add your favorite trees to the map! Email pix, location and description to treesforwatertownma@gmail.com

7. May 14: Mount Auburn Street Open House presenting Complete Streets improvements recommended for Mount Auburn Street. Libby and DPW Head Jerry Mee took the opportunity to chat about trees and the tree warden position.