

Date: May 8, 2018

7 pm

Room 201/ Town Hall

**1. Roll Call:**

**In attendance**

- Kristin Ace: Chair/Secretary
- Bob Norkin
- Siegi Pylypchuk
- Michael Rockland
- Rich Wolowicz: Arborist

Absent

- Deb Regan: Vice Chair

**2. Statement of compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law) Acknowledged**

**3. Review of Minutes**

April minutes approved

**4. Open Public Portion**

Andrei Trifonov of 50 Harrison Street

Margarita Armington

Colleen Purtell

**5. Arborist Report**

a. CEU Training By Rich

now that things have quieted down from the storm damage, Rich will begin to create this training. Jillian Barrick will work with him to coordinate with the DPW in our time frame

b. pedestrian beacon on Speedwell Avenue ~ Callery Pear

Rich will have DPW remove the bricks

c. Tree Damage from Storm;

The STC has not received a list of tree loss

d. Definition of historic tree

**ACTION:** Bob and Siegi will work to define this more clearly for June

e. Kings tree wells

Kings has moved the tree wells and Rich will reach out to Kings about preparing the wells for trees according to our specs

**Forester's Report**

**March-April 2018**

Bio-char Flexi-pave Project

- Walked through project site and confirmed addresses and where a tree had to be replanted and 2 which had to be moved.

- Project started on April 30th. Should be completed by the end of the second week of May, weather permitting

#### Arbor Day

- Met with Kristin Ace to review planting site at Elliot St. Playground
- Arranged to borrow shovels and made arrangements to have tree prepared for ceremony (borrowed and returned tools)

#### Miscellaneous

- Finished survey of town to confirm which ash trees are still standing

#### Field Calls/Inspections

Address	Complaint/Inquiry	Observations	Resolution
64 Ogden	Wants tree removed	Ash tree looks like it is halfway on Town property	DPW has asked owner for a survey to confirm which property tree lies on (there aren't any surveys on this or neighboring properties).
33 Budd St	Limb broke, claimed tree was never trimmed after calling Town	The entire street was trimmed 2 years ago.	No other action needed.
72 Miller Rd	Damage to trunk of tree	Deer damage. RW bark traced the edges.	Will apply some wound dressing to visually eliminate the eyesore and hopefully the smell will deter deer.
50 Harrison St	Owner wants tree removed to install a driveway.	BCP approx. 22 inches	STC members will visit site
4 Fairview	Private tree, owner afraid of it falling	Tree with minor bark damage.	Relayed opinion to Building Department
204-206 Speedwell Ave	Storm damaged tree – owner requests removal	Storm damaged BCP 26"	Added to removal list
49 Wetmore	Leaning tree	Leaning 18" ash	Should be removed, added to worksheet
33 Lake St	Check tree	Honey locust 28" with some dead wood and broken branch	Added to spreadsheet for a trim
29 Hill St	Broken limb on Zelkova	Final cut was made, brush stacked for DPW	Complete
34 Headley	Trim request	Nor maple 18"	Added to spreadsheet for a trim
75 West Valley	Removal request due to storm	Ash tree 22"	Added to spreadsheet for a removal
9 Perry	Removal request	BCP 12"; tree is alive; a little thin due to broken branches	Will be brought up to STC for direction
10 Perry	Removal request	BCP est. 16",	Will be brought up to STC

		tree is alive, a little thin due to storm damage	for direction
16 Coles	Hollow tree	Silver maple 26" with many hollow branches	Should be added to removal list
Water St	Hollow in tree	Needs to be checked by tree crew	Added to list to check canopy of tree

**6. Resident tree issues**

a. 9 Perry Street

Resident wants tree removed because they feel it's too damaged by storm

**VOTE:** Unanimously voted that the Callery Pear will not be removed. It is put on the spreadsheet to be rounded over and pruned and assessed on the next growing season

b. 10 Perry Street

Resident wants tree removed because it is ugly, drops berries and is "in the wrong spot"

**VOTE:** Unanimously voted that the Callery Pear will not be removed. It is put on the spreadsheet to be rounded over and pruned then assessed on the next growing season

c. 50 Harrison Street

Resident (Andrei Trifonov) wants tree removed for installation of driveway and is also concerned about the proximity of the tree to the wires overhead

**VOTE:** Unanimously voted to allow the Callery Pear to be removed contingent on all necessary approvals of the plan from the Town of Morristown.

**VOTE:** Unanimously voted that if resident gets all the approvals for his plan then he must replace the tree to be removed per the Value of Tree ordinance before the town tree is removed. Resident would like one tree to be placed near the removed when the work is completed on his driveway.

d. Masonic Temple

Michael and Rich will meet with Temple president, Sean Colquhoun on Thursday 5.10 at 10:00am to discuss

e. Vail Mansion

The STC would like to move forward on planting at the Vail Mansion in 2019

**ACTION:** Kristin will reach out to the condo association in charge of the Vail Mansion to begin a dialogue

f. Mr. Mussner/64 Ogden

The Town of Morristown is waiting for a survey from the owner to assess who owns the Ash tree

g. Coal Avenue

**ACTION:** Rich will check the status of whether the dead tree is under contract and can be replaced by the company who planted it

f. 19 Clinton

**VOTE:** Unanimously to remove the Zelkova because of the sidewalk tripping hazard cannot be amended and the remove the Maple because it sustained too much damage from the storms. We will add a new tree in the middle of where those two stood once the sidewalk repair work is complete

**7. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**

- a. 96 Ash trees have been removed / 83 Ash trees left to remove (not including the parks)

**ACTION:** Kristin and Rich will coordinate and check the addresses that have already received letter and create a new list of addresses to be given to Administration for distribution

- b. Grow It Green Morristown (GIGM) agrees to have the Ash tree in front of the Community Garden removed and replaced. The tree will be removed in the fall, stump ground out, tree well prepared with organic matter and prepped for a new tree. The new tree will be planted in the spring of 2019. GIGM would like a River Birch

**8. Spring Planting**

Received approval for 20 trees to be purchased ~ these trees will be Ash Tree replacements

**9. Deep Root Barrier for sidewalk trees**

**VOTE:** Unanimously to allow root barriers to be placed in tree wells in the business district only provided the town Arborist and Town Engineer consult on each project as it comes up

**10. Awareness**

- a. tree identification booklet

STC would like to get pricing on this before making a decision

- b. STC would like to initiate a photo contest of town trees to be displayed on our STC wall

**ACTION:** Kristin reach out to Jillian about how to institute this idea

- c. Council communication:

Send communication to Jillian Barrick for approval. Once approved, send to clerk for Council distribution

**11. Business District Tree Well Rejuvenation**

Phase One (South Street from Elm to Washington Street and Cattano) complete. Everything went smooth with only a few complaints about the loss of parking on the first day. The 86 wells took two weeks total to complete.

**ACTION:** Rich to add to the next phase specs that root barriers need to be removed/cut down by the Flexipave crew

**12. Meeting with Jillian Barrick**

- a. Budget passes May 22<sup>nd</sup>

- b. Jillian will consider giving the STC identification of some sort

- c. Tree Watering – on the schedule for next week (5.14)

- d. We can add the Arbor Day Proclamation, Growth Award, Arbor Day photos, and brochures onto the STC wall on the first floor of the Town Hall
- e. STC/DPW sidewalk training will be discussed with Rich Wolowicz
- f. CFMP (community forestry management plan) – We would like Rich Wolowicz to write it and Jillian would like us to do the research and get a few quotes.
- g. Tree Trimming – we can send out the RFP now
- h. Insurance Tree Reimbursement – Asked us to get the dates for Elm and Dehart. Jillian will remind the Police Department to alert the Town when a tree is involved in car incidents.

**ACTION:** Rich W. will look for the dates in his files

- i. 64 Ogden still in question for ownership – Jillian will check on this
- j. 168 Franklin – Jillian will find out if it is a public tree. If it is, then it will be added to the spreadsheet

### **General Business**

- Need STC members

Two residents from the town came to the meeting to get an idea of what we do and are interested in joining us. They asked questions after the meeting and will reach out to me with anything further if need be.

### **13. Future Projects** – due in June

- k. Bamboo
- l. Private Tree Removal
- m. Church of the Redeemer

### **Department of Emergency Management:**

**ACTION:** Kristin to reach out to Jillian to see if we can reach out to them regarding tree emergency coordination

Adjourn 9:15