

TOWN OF WESTON
TREE ADVISORY GROUP
Minutes of May 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am at Case Park next to the Scout House.

Present: Lori Hess, Nina Danforth, Barbara Fullerton, Ed Recka, Jackie Jackson.

1. General. No public comments. Minutes approved for Mar. 31 and April 28, 2021.

2. New members: Carol Lee, full member; Nicole Seddon, full member; Ann Benning, Associate member; Thomas Szekely, Associate member; Dennis Wu, Associate member.

3. Land's Sake development plan. Nina Danforth thinks the new education building will have an impact on the area. They will need help with parking, lighting and marking important trees for protection from people climbing on them. There are no protections currently for the trees there, such as the "magic tree" and golden larches. Pam Hess needs to pay attention to any negative impacts on the trees.

LH- Maybe we should write a letter to Land's Sake expressing our concern.

4. LH- Town center had about 40 trees planted on May 11. We need to have more eyes on the trees to be sure there are no problems with planting or being too close to wires, etc. The new trees are around the green and down route 20. On the Legacy Trail the Hawthorne and Tupelo trees need to be watered.

We will take turns reviewing the condition of the new trees in the town center so that we can alert someone if there is a problem.

ND- There is a lot of garlic mustard next to the town green that needs to be pulled.

There is also Japanese knotweed coming up in the new "grass" areas around the center and green.

LH- Burke Associates are planning a discussion on Thursday with the Town Center Committee and Steve Laroque about how to remedy the Knotweed problem.

5. The new Conservation Commission Administrator is Jordan McCarron, who worked at Land's Sake previously.

6. Case Park Rehabilitation-

Tom Benjamin's company will be working on the planting plan. We think he should start at the end near the Scout House and the library. There is a water source at the Scout house that might be used for the plantings. Benjamin's plan has three zones: dry, wet shade and sunny.

We spent time looking at trees at Case Park. Some crabapples need pruning. Benjamin planned to remove the stumps.

JJ- Favors adding shrubs rather than so many grasses to area. Pots may be better than plugs.

ND- Wants something to be planted at the "point."

We need to determine where the line is between the Scout and the Case properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Prepared by Barbara Fullerton