

Winthrop Tree Committee Meeting

March 2024 Minutes

Meeting March 18, 2024

6 PM

Tree Committee In attendance

Paul O'Donnell Tree Warden
Chris Aiello Chair
Tom Derderian Member
Marie Wynne Member
Joanne Hillman Member

Participants In attendance

Maureen McAdams
Jack Dowd
Susan Swope
Diana Vians

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Hearing on tree removal at 51 Loring Road

All four attendees objected to the removal of the tree and spoke out on their viewpoint.

This tree removal had been taken up previously by the Tree Committee

Because of the objections against the removal of the tree at 51 Loring Road, this decision will go before the Town Council

Final resolution will be determined by the Town Council because of State Law and Town Ordinance

One attendee did not feel that this needed to be go before the Town Council.

Chris Aiello as chair, unsure about the intent of the law and whether or not it is applicable to public or private projects. Lots of gray areas. How do we differentiate between these two trees up for discussion tonight. The ordinance is not clear.

Ultimately, the Tree Committee had voted that the tree **NOT BE REMOVED. The Chair will bring to the Town Council for final resolution.**

Joanne Hillman made the motion to close the hearing on 51 Loring Road.

Hearing on the removal of a tree at 170 Grovers Avenue

The homeowner has requested removal of the tree in order to put in a driveway which reportedly has been approved by the Building Department. We have not seen any plans for said driveway

The tree in question is identified as a Norway Maple (Which is now considered an invasive species) The tree is in fair health according to the Tree Warden, but does not have a full canopy. It is in decent health and will live for years.

The Tree Committee voted 3-1 that the tree not be removed and Chris Aeillo will bring to the Town Council for a hearing.

Further Tree Committee Business

Tom Derderian reports that the tree seedlings will be coming soon. Top soil will be needed at the tree farm.

The Seedlings are as follows-

Cold Stream Nursery

10 Dawn Redwoods Metaequoia Glyptostrpbpoides	\$104.29
2 Sp Native Nutail Oak	9.98
5 Bald Cypress	29.95

Musser Forest Products

5 Red Maple	20.75
5 Zelkova	20.75
5 Bur Oak	21.55
8 Shumard Oak	34.48

Total Pots needed 40

See if DPW can assist with a pending project on Siren and Billows Streets with removal of debris so that shrub and tree pllantings can be undertaken by residents in the area that want to improve the area around the beach stairs.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting set for April 8th at 6 pm.