

Winthrop Tree Committee Meeting
May 2024 Minutes
Meeting May 13, 2024

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Tree Committee in attendance

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

Voted and accepted unanimously the minutes for February and April Meeting

Update from the Tree Warden that there has been 25 new tree plantings. Three were new donations, 5 replacement trees and 17 in new locations. The tree pits on Main Street have all been planted.

Tim and Tom reported on their findings of possible tree placements on Cross Street to River Road. Trees could be planted near the ball fields, high school area and along Lewis Lake in back of the houses, where wires would not be an issue. There would need to be a call to DIG SAFE to assure that it is safe to dig in any of these areas. There is funding for 50 trees within the budget. There was some talk that they would be willing to do some of the planting themselves and Joanne felt that WinthropLovesTrees might be willing to help as well, as they have a growing list of volunteers.

Tim Duplin will recirculate the recommended tree list.

Discussion of Tree Ordinance

Pros and cons of Public / Private Tree protection. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Joanne brought up that the Tree Inventory Contract is about to expire and if we are to keep that information we will need to pay \$2,500 a year to keep it where it is. Paul O'Donnell will speak to the Town Manager regarding the possibility of keeping that information on the Town GIS system so that it can be updated in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next Meeting, Monday, June 10th