

West Tisbury Tree Advisory Committee
Committee Meeting
July 18, 2022
Noon-1:10pm

Meeting Minutes – approved 9/7/2022

In attendance: Timothy Boland, Jeremiah Brown, Emily Ellingson, Dave Fielder, JT Hunt, Angela Luckey, Oliver Osnoss, Jevon Rego

1. Approved Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2022
 - a. Minutes were approved unanimously
2. Review Survey123
 - a. Survey of *Acer pseudoplatanus* at the First Congressional Church of West Tisbury.
 - b. Important notes on survey questions include:
 - i. Emily will create an “Uncertain” option under ‘Cultivar’
 - ii. Species ID: If you are unsure about tree identification, the Virginia Tech Dendrology site is a great tool for identifying trees
 - iii. Emily will look into figuring out uploading the map that auto-populates points/trees that have already been surveyed
 - iv. Location type: along State Road is MA State property – code as such but still survey; Private property (such as the church) should be coded as ‘other’ and described – permission is needed from homeowners to survey on their property
 - v. Pest or disease problems: look for: withering, browning leaves or leaf spot; evidence of insects such as frass, honeydew, actual insects, evidence of chewing, exit holes in bark; mushrooms on the branches (indication of fungal infection, rot); rotting wounds and decay; visible spores on wood or leaves
 - vi. Condition of wood/leaves: make note of any problems, however small, as they can become bigger issues during a different season.
 - vii. Multiple stems: use judgement when surveying small trees – we will focus on newly planted trees and large trees; not shrub-like small trees such as dogwoods.
 - viii. DBH: Round up or down (survey will not do decimals) and use the pre-calculated side of the DBH tape
 - ix. Recommended Maintenance: you can recommend tree removal as “Other” and then describe in the following notes.
 - x. Consult: Even if you are a certified arborist, act as a volunteer and recommend consultations when needed (the tree surveying is not a tree risk assessment)
 - xi. In general, the more information the better when starting out
 - xii. Emily will add option for photographs to the survey
3. Discuss CPC Grant
 - a. Grant Applications are due September 22
 - b. Grant can be sought in conjunction with Tree Warden budget
 - c. We will be both adding trees where they haven’t been before and removing and replacing trees

4. Next Meeting Time, Date, Agenda, and Pre-work
 - a. The next meeting is Monday, August 22, 2022 at noon at the Polly Hill Arboretum Education and Botany Lab
 - b. Next meeting agenda will involve going over tree plantings, the CPC grant and observations made from doing tree surveys
 - c. Meeting Pre-work:
 - i. Send Historic District Map to whole team
 - ii. Jeremiah will put together a list of trees to plant in West Tisbury Historic District with locations
 - iii. Jevon will start the CPC application
 - iv. Surveyors will survey at least 5 trees each, working individually or in teams