

**TOWN OF ORONO
TREE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 AT 5:00PM**

**IN-PERSON
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 MAIN STREET, ORONO, ME 04473**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Co-Chairs Dave Thompson and Tim White, Jennifer Dann, Terri Triandafillou, Associate member Cindy Blease, and Environmental Services Coordinator Megan Hess.

Absent: Jason Clarke, Kenny Fergusson, Associate member Jayme Titus, and Public Works Director and Tree Warden Rob Yerxa.

2. Agenda Review - No additions or deletions.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 4th, 2023 Board Meeting -

Motion by Dave Thompson and seconded by Terri Triandafillou to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of the minutes as noted, 5-0.

4. Recommendation for the open Board Position

Jayme Titus and Cindy Blease are both eligible to be moved up as full members due to Pat Thompson's retirement, which would leave an open space for an associate member. The Board will recommend to the Town Council that Jayme Titus be moved to the regular Tree Board member seat. The Board will advertise an open associate position.

Motion by Terri Triandafillou and seconded by Dave Thompson to recommend Jayme Titus to the Town Council to fill the regular Tree Board seat. All voted in favor as noted, 5-0.

They would consider a University Graduate Student as a revolving associate position.

5. Grants Update

- **Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans** - No update.

- **Project Canopy - Planting Grant & Planting Locations**

- i. The Tree Board will be planting six sugar maples during Maine's Arbor Week (May 19th, 3-5pm) at Webster Park. There is a new owner of the properties at the Bennoch Road end of Godfrey Drive. Code Enforcement has been working with them on potential options for development that include building houses with driveways accessing Godfrey Drive. It would be in our best interest to wait until the details of the potential developments have gone through the

public process before we plant in this area. Jenn Dann asked if some Red Maples could be planted in the cemetery, if other suitable sites are not found.

- ii. Make a series of facebook posts to educate on EAB/tree planting events, make notecards that are laminated to have on the trees.

6. Tree Warden Update & Tree Evaluations:

● Tree Evaluations & Maintenance Update

- i. 123 Forest Ave: Pine Tree - *Removed 4/26 and pruned 3-4 trees next to them. Donated by Zuhlke for Maine Days.*
- ii. 169 Main St: Norway Maple (Woodpecker Damage) - *Removed 4/10*
- iii. Pool Norway Maples - *Removed 4/18 and stumps were removed.*

● EAB Management Plan

The Board had a detailed discussion on what regulations would be set forth in the EAB management plan regarding the movement of wood. The wood chip pile at the entrance of the landfill may be a potential site for EAB contamination and spread and as it is now, there is no way to regulate it. If the Town were to move it into the landfill, the Town could manage it there. The movement of brush is not really a concern at this time, so taking yard waste to landfill to be chipped and mulched would still be the BMP. Is there a consortia among the greater bangor area that aligns regulations? The Board suggests that Kenny Fergusson look into this.

7. Monthly Tree Board Activity Update

- **Chairperson Update** - The Tree Board would like to formally recognize Pat Thompson's work with the Tree Board - from the nursery to Tree City Recognition and Tree planting events. Pat was one of the most enthusiastic people to take time and care for plantings. It is amazing to think of all of the hundreds of trees she has fostered in Orono! Thank you, Pat! The Tree Board would like to recognize Pat publicly at the Tree Planting Event.

Tim White is going to check with Jason Clarke to see if he has talked with the 5th grade class to see if they set up the Arbor Day Proclamation on the 18th. Cindy Blease will call Pat Allen to see when the students are available during Arbor Week for a reading of the Proclamation. Dave Thompson will contact Kenny Fergusson to see if they can get trees. Megan Hess will work with Nancy Ward to make sure the Proclamation is ready for Monday's Town Council meeting.

Tim White would like to work on a calendar.

8. Adjournment - Next Meeting Tuesday, June 6th at 5:00 pm

Jennifer Dann motioned to adjourn, and Cindy Blease seconded. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Hess
Environmental Services Coordinator