

**TOWN OF ORONO  
TREE BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 5:00PM**

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

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call**

**Present:** Co-Chair Dave Thompson, Pat Thompson, Cindy Blease, Terri Triandafillou, Jennifer Dann, Jason Clarke, Public Works Director and Tree Warden Rob Yerxa, and Environmental Services Coordinator Megan Hess.

**Absent:** Kenny Fergusson and Co-Chair Tim White.

**2. Agenda Review** - No edits were made.

**3. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2022 Board Meeting**

Motion by Terri Triandafillou and seconded by Jennifer Dann to accept the minutes. All voted in favor, 6-0.

**4. Tree Warden Update & Tree Evaluations:**

- Tree Evaluation List - See notes on attached Tree Evaluation sheet.

**5. Project Canopy Grant Updates**

**Tree Planting Grant - Godfrey Drive**

- Megan Hess updated the Board that the Public Works employees have been watering once a week and there is roughly a 20% mortality rate. The Scots Pine did not do well. Ms. Hess will look at the trees and get an exact count of mortality and report back to the Board.
- Dave Thompson mentioned that they have one sugar maple, some arbor vitae, and some white cedar at the nursery at their house, but they would not be good candidates for the Godfrey Drive strip. Mr. Thompson and Ms. Dann noted that more trees should be planted in the fall or next spring.

**Tree Inventory Update**

- Megan Hess updated the Tree Board that David Ludwig has inventoried 485 trees so far for the Urban Tree Inventory update. Ms. Hess shared the progress map of where inventories have been completed and showed some sample data. She noted the data has already proven helpful to the Town, as the Tree Board reviewed the health of trees from the data. Ms. Hess also requested that if anyone is interested in volunteering to collect

data for Mr. Ludwig, they should reach out to him. Jason Clarke commented that he would like to volunteer to help with data entry, if that is a need.

6. **Next steps for Filling Open Positions** - Mr. Yerxa will put a request out to the public for an associates position and they will assess applicants at the next meeting.
7. **Board Work Plan for Upcoming Meetings** - Mr. Yerxa asked the Board if there is any work or projects that they would like to work on. The Board would like to do another planting event in the fall. The Board would also like to spend some time in the wildlife garden trimming back invasive Oriental Bittersweet and Multiflora Rose this fall. Terri Triandafillou and Jason Clarke wanted to know if there was any progress made in creating a nursery. Mr. Yerxa will talk to the school. Ms. Dann would like to know who will water the trees in the garden.

#### 8. **Monthly Tree Board Activity Update**

- **Chairperson Update** - Jenn Dann mentioned that Emerald Ash Borer is now in Waterville. The Board suggested working to create an EAB plan. Mr. Yerxa and Ms. Hess can discuss this with the Town Arborist. Ms. Dann would like Ms. Hess to write an EAB article for the next Orono Observer to help raise awareness in the community.

#### 9. **Adjournment - Next Meeting Tuesday, September 13th - Adjust for the Labor Day Holiday?**

The Board agreed to change the next meeting date to September 13, 2022 due to the holiday weekend.

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ward  
Executive Assistant