

**TOWN OF ORONO  
TREE BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT 5:00PM**

**IN-PERSON  
KEITH ANDERSON COMMUNITY HOUSE  
19 BENNOCH ROAD, ORONO, ME 04473**

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call & Introductions**

**Present:** Co-Chairs Dave Thompson and Tim White, Jayme Titus, Jennifer Dann, Jason Clarke, Terri Triandafillou, Associate member James Stewart, and Environmental Services Coordinator Megan Hess, and Public Works Director and Tree Warden Rob Yerxa.

**Absent:** Kenny Fergusson, Associate member Cindy Blease

**2. Agenda Review** - Tim White would like to add a discussion on the Management Plan.

**3. Approval of Minutes of August 1, 2023 Board Meeting**

Motion by Jennifer Dann and seconded by Terri Trianafillou to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of the minutes as noted, 7-0.

**4. Open Board Position** - James Stewart was sworn in by the Town Council and he introduced himself to the Board and the Board introduced themselves to Mr. Stewart.

**5. Grants Update**

- **Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans (IPCPP)** - Megan gave the Board an update that Hunter Manley of Legacy Woodlot Services was working on the IPCPP for the High School Lot. Mr. Manley said this lot looks similar to the Colburn lot with Buckthorn taking over the harvested area. The Town has submitted a grant proposal to the Maine Forest Service for treatment of the Colburn Lot and we have not heard back yet.
- **Project Canopy - Planting Grant** - Jennifer Dann and Megan Hess planted two new red maples in Webster Park to replace one dead Sugar Maple that had confirmed Root Rot and one Sugar Maple that does not look like it is going to make it. Jennifer Dann explained that she learned a lot about root rot from a recently attended presentation. The Board will be keeping an eye out for symptoms in the future when purchasing and planting trees.

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

- **Tree Evaluations & Maintenance Update** - Rob Yerxa said there are no new tree evaluations at this time. There is an oak on Hillside that may look like it is declining. Mr. Yerxa will determine if it is in the right of way first, and then the Board will have to evaluate it. The dead pines in Edgewood Circle have been removed. Mr.

Yerxa said that the Public Works employees will do some public outreach to residents in that area and would like to clean up the underbrush.

- **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan** - Wood Chip Sign is being reviewed by Allison Kanoti from the Maine Forest Service and should be finished soon.

7. **Browntail Moth** - Mr. Stewart said that next year the BTM are predicted to be worse than previous years. We will be working on the survey of winter nests this coming February for treatment trees in the spring.

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

- **Chairperson Update** - The Management Plan has been dormant since April. Tim White is requesting that the board read and be ready to discuss the management plan at the next meeting. Please have comments or edits in the document by September 26th. Jennifer Dann shared that there is a list on the Waldo County County Soil and Water District of Climate Ready trees that may be helpful to review.
- **Tree Board Calendar Review** - Tim White is requesting that everyone goes into the calendar and add edits and suggestions before the next meeting.

## 9. **Adjournment**

- **Next Meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm**

Jennifer Dann motioned to adjourn and Terri Triandafillou seconded. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Hess  
Environmental Services Coordinator