

Tree Committee

Meeting minutes for July 7, 2021

In Attendance: Bette Woolsey, John Woolsey, Vicky Matthews, John Hoy, Joel Lipman

Absent: Lisa Fryer, Joe Riley, Michael Terrill

1. It was decided to keep the previous choice of a crabapple tree to replace the one removed during the seawall project as reservations voiced were deemed unfounded by our plant expert. Crabapple trees will blossom, bear very small fruit that do not drop thus not contributing to an expressed rat problem.

2. The committee identified water sources for each of the 5 trees to be planted from the “grant”:
- Ruggles – 2 trees – use fire hydrants nearby
 - Merithew Square – 1 tree - John Woolsey will consult with nearby home owner about using water
 - Bayview Park – 1 tree - Vicky Matthews will consult with nearby home owners
 - West Street – 1 tree- water to come from nearby homeowner (this is confirmed)

John Woolsey will determine the hoses available in the community to use in watering

Joel Lipman will ask Dan Webster to put out a request for hoses, water bags and volunteers. He will pass any information on to the committee if he is not in town.

John Hoy will put together a spreadsheet for volunteer hours, water usage and expenses to be tracked.

These numbers were determined at this time as a measure of cost of water to be used.

Cost of water is \$22.43 for the first 400 cu. ft. per cubic

1 cu. ft. = 7.5 gallons

Water bags hold ?

Conflicting information as to whether cost of water bags can be expensed to 'grant.’’ We decided to expense it at this time.

Date of planting moved to after September 25th per recommendation of plant people.

We discussed the removal of the tree at the corner of Griffin and George Sts.. It is on village property and the new owners need the tree removed for the water system to be placed. It was decided that if removal is approved by the overseers it will be at the new owners expense. Vicky will talk to our arborist about the value of the vital tree being removed and a fee for the tree should be charged with monies going to the tree budget.

Discussion about other trees that may be impacted during construction and possible recourse. Is there a history of what is done in this situation? This discussion will be continued.

Next meeting Tuesday July 20th at 4:00 at the woolsey. Vicky will bring wine.