

**Ridgefield Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

The following votes were taken by the Tree Committee on April 2, 2024, in the Order as given below.

(none)

In attendance: Tree Warden, Steve Lavatori; Tom McManus, Chair; Paul Shotton; Kitsey Snow; Anthony Lewis Tufariello; and Eileen White.

Approval of March Minutes

UPON motion duly made (Shotton), seconded (Tufariello), and carried, it was RESOLVED that consideration of the minutes of the meeting of March 2024 be tabled until the April 27, 2024, Meeting at Ballard Park. Vote: Yes-4, No-0.

Tree Warden's Report

1. Trees that are freshly dug from area farms have not yet arrived at local nurseries,
2. Knapp Tree pruned dead wood from the Katsura tree in front of the Ridgefield Library,
3. Ballard Park Beeches and Elms around Town will be treated to help mitigate disease,
4. The (as yet Unapproved Town budget) for the Tree Warden has been boosted by \$10K.

Tree Committee Finances

1. There were no changes to the Tree Committee's finances and there has been no response yet from the Ridgefield Thrift Shop regarding the Tree Committee's grant application.

Ballard Park Tree Tour Event from 10am-2pm Saturday April 27* (rain date April 28)

1. The Ballard Park map created by former Committee Member Cheryl Cook which was distributed to all Members needs updating; each Member is requested to tour the Park and suggest updates.
2. Various means of publicizing the event were discussed; Ms. Snow will talk to the Conservation Commission about using their distribution list; other media (including posters) also mentioned.
3. This event is designed to "... engage with the community to share our knowledge about trees; to help establish and maintain an optimum, stable, and safe public tree and plant environment."
4. There will be a signup list for participants to receive future Tree Committee communications.

Forestry Management Plan Update

1. Maps of the Town divided into seven sectors of about 5 square miles will be distributed at the Ballard Park meeting; each Member is encouraged to be the "captain/coordinator" for their area.

Adjournment

UPON motion duly made (Shotton), seconded (Tufariello), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 7:55 P.M. Vote: Yes-5, No-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom McManus, Chair

Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee