

# Minutes

## TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. Feb. 19, 2025

Board Meeting Room of Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.



Present: Chair Tim Logue, Tom Darling, Brian Mayell, Mixon Nelson,  
Linda Paynter and Greg Yavelak

Staff: Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

### 1. Call to order, roll call and confirmation of quorum

Chair Tim Logue called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

### 2. Agenda changes and approval

Motion: Member Tom Darling moved approval the agenda. Member Greg Yavelak seconded.

Vote: 6-0

### 3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on Jan. 15, 2025

Motion: Member Linda Paynter moved approval of the Jan. 15, 2025, minutes as submitted. Member Tom Darling seconded.

Vote: 6-0

### 4. Discussion items

#### A. No Mow March planning

The board members discussed issuing several press releases and social media posts over the month of March to break up information into digestible amounts. Staff will work with the Communications team to determine the number of posts.

#### B. Creek Week Planning

Members Tim Logue and Brian Mayell will lead a tour of riparian restoration areas on March 15<sup>th</sup> and host an invasive species removal workday. Member Tom darling offered to set up a Tree Board information table at the Eno River brewing event. Staff will work with the Stormwater team to determine the feasibility of tabling.

#### C. Town Cemetery plantings

Members discussed planting 5-7 eastern red cedars, 2 beech trees, and 2 swamp chestnut oaks (or swamp white oak if swamp chestnuts aren't available) in the lower section of the town cemetery. Staff will get quotes from landscape contractors.

#### D. Prohibited Plant List

Member Brian Mayell reviewed methodology for developing prohibited plant list to inform Unified Development Ordinance rewrite.

## 5. Updates

### A. Garden Club

Trueblood shared club events as submitted by Garden Club president Tammy Dorman.

### B. Invasive Removal Team

Member Tim Logue shared that the team is now working near Calvin Street and in Gold Park and will continue to plant live stake plants along Riverwalk in riparian restoration areas. The team is also planting ferns near the old Stickworks sculpture site. Member Brian Mayell shared that the team is hoping to identify a site along Riverwalk to harvest live stakes and is working with town staff to determine a suitable location.

### C. Staff

Trueblood reported:

- She is working on a native plant policy for town properties that is based on the policy adopted by the state. Tree Board members agreed to use the state policy as a template for a town policy.
- Tree Board will host an invasive species removal workday during the Climate Challenge in April. Staff will also give a talk about ecological landscaping. Dates TBD.
- The town is starting a rain barrel purchasing program on March 17, 2025. The rain barrels will be available for purchase at a wholesale cost and will include connection kits.
- Trueblood reported that an arborist who lives in Cary and works for Leaf and Limb in town has applied to Tree Board. His appointment will be sent to town board in March.

## 6. Adjournment

Tim Logue adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Trueblood  
Public Space and Sustainability Manager  
Staff support to the Tree Board

Approved: Mar. 19, 2025