

Minutes

TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. January 17, 2026

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



Present: Chair Tim Logue, Vice Chair Thomas Darling, Matt Archibald, Brian Mayell, Mixon Nelson, and Gregory Yavelak

Absent: Linda Paynter

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 the presence of a quorum.

2. Agenda changes and approval

There were no other changes to the agenda.

Motion: Tom Darling moved approval of the agenda with no changes. Brian Mayell seconded.

Vote: 6-0. Motion passed.

3. Discussion items

A. Dorothy N. Johnson plant list

Motion: Greg Yavelak moved to approve the amended plant list, removing lorapetulum and abelia from the shrub list and confining mint to planters only, for Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center. Matt Archibald seconded.

Vote: 6-0. Motion passed.

B. NC Government Policies on Native Plants Webinar:

Tim Logue shared information about the Landscapes that Last series he recently attended including municipal policies for native plants from several North Carolina communities.

No formal action was taken.

C. Tree Board Annual Plan

Staff shared the 2026 annual plan. Board members agreed to the work plan and Brian Mayell expressed interest in providing pruning workshops and/or a video. Board members agreed to discuss the pruning workshop at a June meeting.

No formal action was taken

4. Updates

A. Invasive Removal Team

Tim Logue shared that there were 601 volunteer hours for invasive removal and riparian restoration in 2025.

No formal action was taken

B. Garden Club

The Garden Club Plant Sale will be on April 25, 2026.

No formal action was taken

C. Staff Updates

Staff shared information about the FY27 budget, tree inventory, and interpretive sign on invasive removal and riparian restoration. Tim Logue agreed to compile text for the sign. Staff agreed to share the prohibited plant list with Garden Club and ask Communications to link to treesaregood.org from the Tree Board page on the town website.

No formal action was taken

5. Adjournment

Logue adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved: February 18, 2026