

JOHNSON TREE BOARD

DATE: April 29, 2015

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Johnson Public Library

PRESENT: Noel Dodge, Sue Lovering, Court Perry

ABSENT: Louise Von Weise, Dorcas Jones,

We looked over the Johnson Public Tree Inventory Report. A number of dead or in need of attention trees were identified. We discussed how to inform the town crew.

Sue gave an overview of the Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting at the Library made possible by \$300 from the town beautification fund. Sue would like to put Johnson in for classification as a "Tree City USA"

Main street tree maintenance: Trees need compost and mulch. Can we use mulch from the town pile? Will they transport it for us or should we figure it out ourselves? Sue thinks we should fill the square grates on the main street trees with mulch to keep garbage from collecting, inhibit weed growth, and enhance water retention. Sue estimates about 6 yards of material.

Court and Noel Agree. Need to contact the town to see about removing the grates when the time comes.

Regarding tree maintenance, we resolved to have Sue purchase aluminum tree tags to mark species on main street trees. Noel will look into buying a small water pump to help with watering this summer, at around \$75-\$100 in price.

We need to recruit more members to help with all this work!

We resolved to meet on Sunday May 3rd to inspect main street trees for damage, get a better estimate on mulch needs and confirm the number of square grates. Once complete we will go to the Municipal building and start trimming the maple and one of the cherries in the front.

How to increase public involvement was discussed. Noel proposed a simple survey at Tuesday Night Live to help engage the local public. Sue thinks we should have a Facebook page, Noel will create one in all his spare time.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20th at the Library at 6:30 PM.
Submitted by Noel Dodge, Secretary.