

Johnson Tree Board:

11/18/2020 start at 6:30 PM end at 8:10 PM

Attending - Sue, Rob, Jacob, guest-> Jessica Zehngut

Absent - Brian V, Dorcas, Louise Von Weiss.

**No quorum**, so skipping any budget decisions.

Next meeting will be same time February 10<sup>th</sup> to allow extra time to prep for Arboretum opening celebration.

## 2020-2021 Budget

- How about asking for 4 trees instead of 2? Will need to ask for additional money.
- Main street tree grates... remove material...landscape fabric to combat weeds.
- Spread melorgonite on street trees or another suitable tree fertilizer.
- 2 yards of compost should be enough.
- Last year was \$1,147, for 2 trees and mulch
- If anyone thinks of anything we might need to get through next year, reach out to sue.
- Sue has 9 extra t-posts... will need a few more for next year's plantings.
- We should ask for a set budget for the arboretum since there will be a recurring cost each year as we plant more trees.

## Officers

- Need a new Secretary, Sue says no, Jacob maybe, Jess maybe, Noel maybe.
- Treasurer? - Jessica volunteered, if she is allowed being a Morrisville Resident. Noel says if the new Tree Warden statutes say a town can have a tree warden from a different town, then we should be allowed to have tree board members from other towns.
- Jessica - new secretary. No quorum so will have to vote next time.
- Brian - Treasurer

## Plans for the arboretum: establish deadlines and a work schedule; ideas for going forward


- Talked of removing lower beaver fencing.
- Rob, maybe get taller fencing?
- Sue wants 1 more roll of fencing to finish the last bush that didn't get it.
- May 1st celebration, maybe the Saturday after.
- Need to get Kiosk installed before May 1st.
- Rob start to become avail last week of April.
- Jacob - purchased materials, precut and easy to assemble. Waiting on one or two special roof pieces.
- Sue, signage - must get Select board approval to place sign on clay hill. Will ask again.
  - Replace Duba Field sign with Arboretum?
  - What about next to the bridge by VSC? Their board on extended recess so cannot get an answer.
  - Rob, what about the logo? Need to get it Vectorized. No one is responding to Sue. We do not really have the \$. How can we get it done? Size... of sign? Jess will ask Great Big Graphics
  - lots of funding that was promised, is falling through.

- If Jacob gets the last piece or the roof material, we can get the kiosk in the ground. He will email the group and we can have a pop-up kiosk build.
- Last year, Layaway School offered to make all the cookies for the event, but we don't know if that offer still stands.
- Sue wants to invite as many people as possible.
- Maybe a meeting in February.
- Plan to plant 2 trees at the celebration.
- Need to complete the "walls" of the compost/mulch spot. What else do we need for putting up the chain-link walls.

### New member(s)

- Needs to be committed to attend and help out.
- Will need more members, need to reach out to anyone interested. Increase our member numbers to carry the workload.

### Other business

-  Contact Doug about getting on Selectboard agenda in January - New tree Warden statutes.

### New Tree Warden Statutes:

<https://vtcommunityforestry.org/resources/vermont-tree-wardens-0/tree-warden-statutes>