

# Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting

## February 7, 2022 Minutes

**Present**

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau, chair Erik Rasmussen Lisa Bozzuto Shelby Marshall (Alternate) Abigail Fredsall (Alternate)	

1. Matt called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
  - a. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of Jan. 24. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Discussion:** CPA Grants for Town Forests
  - a. Treatment
    - i. We have been promised two donations. We'll add them to the "Other Funds" list.
  - b. Signs
    - i. We will not install small informational plaques.
3. **Discussion:** Dedication Date for Old Growth Forest Network Designation
  - a. We'll see if a Friday in May will work for the OGFN and Bob Leverett. First choice: May 6, next choice the following Friday, next choice the Friday after that.
  - b. We'll talk to LHA board about what level/kind of commitment they want to have in the future regarding maintenance of Ice Glen. We won't change anything in the dedication document.
4. **Discussion:** Arbor Day Participation
  - a. We'll give out seedlings on the Saturday after Arbor Day: April 23; rain date the following Saturday. At the side of the Corner House.
  - b. Patients at Riggs are excited about doing a joint project with AFC: packaging and storing seedlings, and then participating in giving away the seedlings.
  - c. AFC will put up signs and get the word out however we can.
  - d. We'll also put together a flyer with instructions for planting and caring for the seedlings.
  - e. We may be able to get kids in the nursery school to make signs, too.
5. **Discussion:** Tree City USA
  - a. Matt got in touch with Mark Faber. He fully supports our application. He would love to do more planting in the future, depending on budget.
  - b. Matt made a motion: Move to apply this coming December to make Stockbridge a Tree City.
    - i. Passed unanimously
6. **Discussion:** Capital Budget Request
  - a. We can request money from the capital budget for the interpretive signs if our CPA sign proposal is denied. If the proposal is approved, we will drop this one.
7. **Updates:** Forest Stewardship Grants
  - a. Michael Buffoni has submitted a proposal for the Averic Lake property.
  - b. The state money is going quickly, so in our next meeting we will prioritize the properties.
8. **Updates:** Conservation Commission Joint Meeting

- a. The CC is writing a bylaw to protect trees and to replace trees when they come down.
    - i. They already have jurisdiction over wetlands. The bylaw would be broader.
    - ii. The Tree Warden would enforce it.
  - b. They want to know if AFC is interested in having a joint meeting to discuss this.
    - i. We are interested, as long as the Tree Warden participates.
  - c. Eric reminded us that the Tree Warden has the power to make regulations.
9. Eric: UMass is having a free webinar series about controlling invasive species. Feb. 16, 17, 18.
10. **Adjournment** - Confirm next meeting date and time
- a. Next meeting is Monday, March 7, at 6:30.
  - b. At 7:14 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

**Motions (passed)**

- Move to apply this coming December to make Stockbridge a Tree City.

**To Do items**

(none)