

Lebanon Green Replanting Committee

Special Meeting

January 25th, 2021 - 5:00pm

TELECONFERENCE

Minutes

Members Present: Keith LaPorte, Kelly Lawer, Daniel King, Scott Bender,

1.0 Call to Order

Dan King called the meeting to order at 5:06pm

B. Petrie MOVED to accept the minutes from the July 20th 2020 meeting.

Scott Bender SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0

2.0 Review and Discuss past meeting at Prides Corner

The new town Christmas tree will need to be planted soon and the committee agreed they would like to see one planted by autumn. The committee would like to see the plated tree in the range of 12 - 14 feet. After consulting with Prides Corner, the committee was given suggestions of species, Scott Bender suggested the best species as the Norwegian Spruce. There was a concern about the soil on the green, but it is believed the Norwegian Spruce can thrive in the existing soil, Betsy has offered to follow up.

Trees that were identified over the summer as "at risk" have been removed from the Green, there are possibly 2 more that will need to be looked into. The committee agreed more trees planted along the green to replace those taken down would be ideal.

3.0 Review goals for Christmas tree planting.

The new town Christmas tree location was discussed, with a suggestion by Keith LaPorte to plant a tree on the south side of the Town Hall. The committee has been discussing planting on the green approximately at the current flag pole location. The concern of the Green flag pole location is that over time with the growth of the tree the view will be restricted. The current plan for the flagpole is to replace the Flag pole but more easterly than centered. Betsy mentioned the current plans for the flagpole also include lighting for proper display of the flag and therefore the plan to place the tree near the same location would allow ease of electricity hook up for the Christmas lights.

The committee received correspondence from the First Selectman's Office. A letter requesting a star placed on the top of the new Christmas Tree. The committee agreed this was a great suggestion and will do it's best to execute it.

*K. LaPorte MOVED to accept the correspondence..
Scott Bender SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0*

4.0 Discuss and act upon steps for official tree recommendations.

The location will need approval and Betsy has offered to discuss the location suggestion with the Lebanon Historical Society and to follow up with the State Historic Preservation. The Trumbull Adams Tree Fund was previously set up, the committee will need to determine if funds set aside can be used and if so what amount of funds there are.

5.0 Discuss and act upon scheduling meetings, with current social distancing guidelines.

The committee has scheduled the next meeting for February 25th at 5:00pm via TELECONFERENCE.

6.0 Adjournment

*Keith LaPorte MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 5:42PM. Dan King SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 4:0*

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Lawer
Secretary