

Draft Minutes
LORAX Tree Task Force
July 24, 2017

Attendees: Chairman David Eppley, Kirt Rieder, Polly Wilbert
Observers: Darleen Melis, Sandi Power

We began at where we left off from the previous review session.

Suggested draft language to meet Beth Rennard's concern about dimensional language:

Setback Area: The minimum setback area around a non-residential lot shall be that which meets the requirement in the Table of Dimensional Requirements in Salem's Zoning Ordinances.

Discussion about full-time tree warden.

Removed "building" in No. 2 as it is covered in No. 3.

Remove surveyor language

Problems:

Private lots with trees (but no immediate construction) and coverage of trees.
Kernwood Country Club example (many trees cut down), how to cover.

To do:

Research make up of tree commissions in other communities.

The replacement cost will be established by the Tree Warden and published in the Tree Manual, which may be updated annually. (Send to Darleen)

It shall include the cost of purchasing, planting, watering, and maintaining for a period of two years said Replacement Tree(s) the value of which is to be paid to the City to be deposited into the Tree Replacement Fund. (send to Darleen)

1. Upon approval of any project subject to the grant of a special permit from the Planning Board, or submission to the Building Commissioner of certification from the Tree Warden, the owner of the lot shall either plant Replacement Trees on the same lot in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Tree Study, or he shall pay to the City the estimated cost of Replacement Trees (as defined under Mitigation). (send to Darleen)

(3) To the extent that any replacement trees cannot be accommodated on site, then the remaining trees are to be covered as mitigation as outlined in (foregoing). (email to Darleen)