

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Public Health, Safety and Environment co-posted with the
Committee of the Whole

met in the Council Chamber Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

March 31, 2016 at 4:55 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: Ø

SUBJECT(S)

(left @ 7:30 pm)
#39 – City Wide Tree Census and ongoing maintenance and long-term replacement plan
Mayor, (C. Sargent C. Famico, C. Milo in COW present.)
↳ who does what in the city re: trees.
John Tomas2 DPW Director: pruning, take down stumps, planning.
Ron Malionek Asst DPW Dir – Rept on trees → FY 2016
Rick Rennard - Tree Warden since 2013 → Tree hazards.
C. Eppeley - concerned about tree replacement rates. Need proper funding
C. Sargent - clarifying removal requirements.
C. Milo - clarifying rating system
Describing trees, ratings, needs
Ron - staffing/equipment - can only do small take downs
C. Eppeley - tree truck? J. Silva - currently assessing asking questions to best meet needs. FY17 budget will answer questions.
C. Dibble - tree planting program in 1980s v. what's happening now.
- personnel needs?
C. Eppeley - Request for tree Master Plan in FY 17 Budget

J. Silva - addressing workload needs/issues. lift purchase 3-5 year plan possibility
J. Pelletier (Mass In Motion) - reference articles = investing in street trees.
- get new tree plantings, get commission going, etc. Mapped trees in Greenlawn trees w/ benefit info. cataloging trees - bldg in Greenlawn to go city-wide, support master plan.

C. Eppley ⇒ money comparison; \$254k be spent now to clear backlog of trees.

J. Silva ⇒ would cover emergency tree removals. look @ DPW expenses, big picture.

Grant funds, CDBG funds, Planning \$\$; J. Thomas

C. Milo: trust funds in \$100k's in Greenlawn. R. Malonek: funds being use R. Malonek: tree truck down for 6 mos. Don't do maintenance, put out fires.

C. Eppley - get past putting out fires. J. Silva: truck plan coming.

Kirt Rieder - 15 Waverly St (?) - qualitative benefits of shade. Supports Master Plan. Conflicts in zoning code. Widen diversity of different species. Need more \$ for trees.

Chris Burke - 15 Broad St - Citizen's Tree Cmt should be established.

Memorial Tree Plantings - booklet. Native trees are important. loves Elm trees.

Park + Rec wants forming committee.

Jeff ^{Cohen} ~~Rieder~~ 12 Hancock St. ^{look at} ~~look at~~ name of Renewability Task Force to sustainability task force. Root issues in residential streets.

Flora Tonthat 30 Northey St - maintenance of trees. Trees dying due to need wacking // Liz Vago 29 Summit Ave. support Master Plan + implementation ^{tax deductible donation → trust, tree board needed. fl# tree warden needed.}

Polly Wilbert 7 Cedar St - Tree Cmt for SSNA getting 23 trees in neighborhood.

H/O tree maintenance in City. Need to make a priority and a basic. Tree deficit. Move trees behind property lines. Gateway \$ for trees.

Barbara Warren ~~rehab~~ 5 Hardy St - EPA new requirements for permitting; save \$ by tree planting.

Trees consume H₂O, if put in right places Supports Tree Master Plan. look @ trees like

Tim Jenkins 18 Broad St - excited about discussion. Capital budget to help liabilities, not assets.

Sandy Power 18 Loring Ave. flooding, heat concerns. Native trees. C. Eppley: Tree task force

C. Dibble - create tree committee. Challenge size/width of tree lawn in zoning. Planning Dept write tree grants.

On the motion of C.

Furey

the meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

C. Eppley: Draft order for task force
2nd by C. Furey

Beth 
and remain in committee

(Chairperson)