

**Town of Belgrade Tree Committee
June 20, 2006**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Belgrade Tree Committee was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at the Belgrade Town Hall. Committee chairman, Kristie Wood, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Ex officio members present:
tish carr, Belgrade Tree Warden

Committee members present:

John Blasenak
Norma Blazer
Sylvia Coulombe
Sue Gawler
Loyce Hayslett
Phil Sprague
John Willey
Kristie Wood

Committee members absent:

Doug Wood

Approval of Minutes

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2006, were approved as presented.

Graduation of Master Tree Program – June 12, 2006

Kristie Wood reported that members of the recent Master Tree Program, as part of their graduation celebration, assisted with planting 27 trees at Loon Cove on June 12. One black tupelo planted at Loon Cove was dedicated to Sylvia's son, Kahlen Kyle Coulombe, and Sylvia's family placed a commemorative plaque beneath the newly-planted tree. Also assisting with the planting were members of Girl Scout Troop 1599. All the trees were purchased with funds obtained through Project Canopy.

Tree Planting on Main Street

One tree has already been planted on the property of Charles and Susan Grover in the downtown area of Belgrade Lakes. Committee members will meet at 6 pm on June 26 at the Grover property to plant the remaining three trees slated for the Main Street area. These are planned for right-of-way property on lots owned by Saxtons, Tripps, and Languets. Phil Sprague will ensure that we have property owners' permission before Monday.

Terms of Office for Officer Positions

On motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed that the terms of office for the Tree Committee officers will begin on April 17, 2006, and elections will be held annually. The motion was approved unanimously.

Letters to Maurice Childs and Carl Yeaton (Road and Cemetery Committees)

Copies of letters dated June 5, 2006, from Kristie Wood to Carl Yeaton and to Maurice Childs are attached to these minutes for the record.

Status of Project Canopy Grant

Once the last three trees are planted on Monday, June 26, Tish will complete the final report for Project Canopy. When that report is accepted by the sponsors (Department of Conservation's Maine Forest Service and the Pine Tree State Arboretum), it is expected the town will receive the \$2,500 that is due. When the town receives payment, Longfellow's and O'Donnell's need to be paid by the town for the tree stock that was purchased.

Tish will request that any excess funds be used to purchase tree irrigation bags for the new trees.

Tish asked for volunteers to help her complete the final report. John Willey and John Blasenak volunteered. They will coordinate.

Future Committee Projects

Tish raised the question of what projects the committee could see for itself in the immediate future. She said she is considering an advanced Master Tree Program for later in the year and that she is looking for good people to teach at that level. John Blasenak said he would contact Dick Dearborn to see if he would be willing to present the advanced lecture on insects.

Tish suggested too that committee members assist with applications for future grants that the town would be eligible to compete for.

Norma suggested that we post answers to questions we'd expect the people who live in and visit the town to ask about trees and tree stewardship at the town's website www.belgrademaine.com.

Loyce suggested we create a brochure with frequently asked questions and/or useful information related to caring for trees and have these available at the town hall and the community center.

Historian

Norma suggested that we elect a historian to assemble articles and news releases related to activities of interest to the Tree Committee. Sylvia Coulombe said she would enjoy doing this job, and members agreed she would be excellent. On motion duly made and seconded, Sylvia was elected Tree Committee Historian to serve until the next election of officers.

Loyce suggested that anyone who sees articles about the committee or the town's trees should collect the articles and give them to Sylvia. She also stressed that each article should include a specific note about where and when it was published.

Updated Member List with Phones

Tish agreed to prepare a list of tree committee members, including phone numbers, and to provide copies at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Belgrade Tree Committee will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, July 18, at 5:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Blazer, Recording Secretary