

**Town of Belgrade Tree Committee  
September 18, 2007**

A meeting of the Belgrade Tree Committee was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at the Belgrade Town Hall. Acting as committee chairman in Kristie Wood's absence, Loyce Hayslett called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Ex officio members present: tish carr, Belgrade Tree Warden

Town Manager, Dennis Keschl, was present for a portion of the meeting.

Committee members present:

Norma Blazer  
Sylvia Coulombe  
Sue Gawler  
Loyce Hayslett  
Phil Sprague

Committee members absent:

John Blasenak  
Kristie Wood  
Doug Wood

One seat on the committee is vacant.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2007, were approved as corrected.

**Discussion on Tree Ordinance**

Members reviewed the Tree Ordinance for the Town of Belgrade. A final draft reflecting the changes that were made is attached to these minutes

Members discussed issues related to implementation of Article 56, 2007 Town Warrant. It was decided that Loyce Hayslett, Sue Gawler, and Phil Sprague will meet personally with Carl Yeaton. Based on the outcome of that discussion, the Tree Committee will decide whether to request the Town Manager to set up a joint meeting of the Cemetery Committee, The Town Tree Warden, and the Tree Committee to discuss and to resolve any lingering differences.

The Tree Committee will not make any decision whether to proceed with a Community Tree Ordinance in March until after these meetings.

Dennis Keschl urged the Tree Committee not to postpone its education/advocacy program.

**Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet on Thursday, September 27, at 7 pm at the Town Office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current issues in the town measured against the Comprehensive Plan as well as to seek input and/or comment regarding three proposed resolutions:

1. To Recommend that the Town of Belgrade hire a full-time Code Enforcement Officer
2. To Recommend that the Town of Belgrade procure a bond in the amount of \$1 million to permanently preserve open space land
3. To Recommend that the Town of Belgrade procure a bond in the amount of \$1 million to finance new municipal space needs

MacGregor Stocco, chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, has invited written comment on these resolutions and has also invited interested parties to attend the September 27 meeting.

### **Community Tree Forum (Lewiston/Auburn)**

The Community Tree Forum previously scheduled for September 29 has been postponed indefinitely due to insufficient pre-registration. Jan Ames Santerre is inviting comments to help determine why the level of interest (measured by pre-registrations) was so low this time. She is asking if you were notified, did you consider attending, and—if not—why. You may contact Jan Ames Santerre at [www.projectcanopy.org](http://www.projectcanopy.org) to offer suggestions about topics you would find compelling or interesting enough to attend, the time of year that would be best for you, and whether you would be more likely to attend an all-day conference such as this on a weekday or on a weekend.

### **Other Business**

The Tree Committee has no specific plan to promote the Tree Ordinance at the Octoberfest on Columbus Day weekend. The Tree Committee will decide in October what it will do at the polling station for the November referendum voting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Belgrade Tree Committee will be held at 5:30 pm at the Belgrade Town Hall on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norma Blazer, Recording Secretary