**Montague Tree Advisory Committee**

**Approved Minutes for Meeting 2/24/2021 6:30 PM,   
Online Zoom meeting**

**Present: David Detmold, Roberta Potter, Michael Marcotrigiano, Sean Mahoney, Jeffrey Warren, Tom Sullivan, Rafael Vega, Melissa Patterson-Serrill (FRCOG)**

* **Chair opens Meeting**
* **Minutes** January 25, 2021 approved, motion J. Warren, 2nd by R. Vega
* **Online handouts:** Agenda, minutes January 25, 2021, revised bylaws edited by WR
* **Preparing for Spring tree plantings - with Melissa from FRCOG**
  + Melissa will share google sheet to help with tree locations for new plantings
  + If we aim for 50 trees/season (200/ year) we can get an additional 400 trees by end of grant
  + Now appropriate to search for locations under power lines with discretion
  + This would reduce total from grant to 600 trees per granters request
  + DPW is requesting 2 extra workers in budget to accommodate work load
  + Melissa will look into purchasing vests for MTAC and pruning crew and “request a tree” signs
  + Mike, Walker and Andy will look into coming up with a pruning guide with training dates
* **Wood Bank update – Roberta and Sean**
  + The Wood bank has provided 28 bins of wood this Winter and are all out of bins to donate
  + The system appears to be working well but may want to increase for future
  + Request to place kiosk at location
  + A potential target could be 15 cords of wood
* **Bylaws update**
  + Walter provided a revised copy of bylaws at end of last meeting with significant changes
  + WR version incorporates “Pittsfield” adaptation of tree bylaws
  + WR version reduces bylaws from MTAC’s “Amherst/Northampton” version from 15 pages to 5
  + MTAC members will come up with comments/edits to be voted on for next meeting
  + Final version will be compiled by mike
* **Unanticipated items** 
  + Jeff offered to communicate with Franklin tech regarding nursery via Marc
  + Andy will look into updating MTAC web page on town site
* **Next Meeting:** 3rd week of March, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom?