

Bowdoinham Tree Committee
Jan. 7 Minutes

1- Attending: Jan Marks (chair), Peggy Christian, Hank Ogilby (secretary), Susan Drucker, Mike Roland, Mark Tanner. (Absent: Frank Drummond, Nina Mendall)

2- Call to Order: 6:05 pm

3- Review/Approval of 12/3 Minutes: motion to approve, seconded, approved

4- Adjustments to Agenda: none

5- Clarification/discussion of the Agenda: Discussion as to the CPC comments on our Tree Committee Proposal:

- they wanted more of an intro
- more expansion with tasks (how to achieve the tasks)
- all other elements were fine

Discussion ensued as to the difference between the work of creating a “proposal/plan” for the CPC/Select Board to review, vs. proposing actual work to be done by a future committee.

Some members expressed concern with the CPC recommendations as many of the requested specifics would be unknowable until a tree survey was undertaken by an actual tree committee.

There was additional concern that a workable proposal, considering the added time necessary for revision and approval, would most likely miss the deadline for Town Meeting.

Discussion ensued as to what we could easily flesh-out to please the CPC.

There was some discussion about inviting some “expertise” to help direct us.

After these discussions/clarifications, the group then began looking at each task item of our proposal in order to strategize how we might flesh them out to address the concerns of the CPC.

The question arose regarding the need for some future staffing/personnel, thus the question arose regarding future feasibility of a tree committee.

6- Changes to Municipal Tree Plan:

After a review of the CPC suggestions, and a more general discussion of the elements of our proposal, tasks were assigned in order to revise our proposal at our Feb. 4 Mtg.

7- Future work/plans/assignments:

Jan: revise the introduction

Peggy: present an overview of the monetary value of trees/protecting our trees

Mike: compile a list of phone #s and websites as resources

Hank: will work on the bullets on second task list

Peggy: will enhance the wording regarding a tree survey - “A survey will consist of...”

8- Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Faithfully Submitted by Hank Ogilby:

