

Bayside Tree Committee Minutes

06/30/20

Members Present: John and Bette Woolsey, Vicky Matthews, John Hoy, Jim Coughlin, Michael Tirrell, Lisa Fryer

Focus of this year's committee work will be developing at least one Tree Canopy Grant from the State of Maine. We also discussed the brown tail moth situation.

John Hoy kindly developed an outline based on the Spring Project Canopy Workshop. We are allowed up to one planting grant and one planning grant per year

- I. Planting Grant: grant to purchase, plan and maintain approximately 6-8 healthy trees. Maine covers half the total price and we must front the other half. Some Tree Warden budget can be used toward
 - a. We need to determine price of:
 - Cost of trees (Stay away from oak and fruit trees due to brown tail moth infestation)
 - Cost of transport to Bayside
 - Cost of soil amendments, mulch
 - Cost to plant trees
 - Maintenance of trees (staking, watering, shielding against dogs, restoring of mulch, pruning)
 - b. Grant Requirements - committee will walk around Bayside at next meeting, make decisions, and delegate
 - Narrative: John has already started an excellent narrative
 - Three-Year Maintenance Plan--resources (reimbursement or match)
 - Project map/Planting Locations--
 - map of the area, with planting locations
 - trees must be on public property with free public access that is visible from or contiguous to, transportation corridors
 - Letters of Support from people and businesses
 - Community capacity checklist
 - c. Documentation must be detailed and specific.

II. Planning: 2 ideas from John interested committee most

- a. First Planning Project A Intent: Discover pathways/roads that were present in Bayside previously for leisurely walking in wooded areas and possibly make them wheelchair or walker accessible. This would be an extensive project and must be looked at viably. The Historical Society

will be invited to brainstorm with us during the next meeting. Community Hall may show the paths that could be reinvented.

b. Application toward certification as a Tree City, USA.

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/project_canopy/programs/tree_city_usa.html

Brown Tail Moth Discussion

- Lisa will look into Project Canopy to see if there is anyway to turn brown tail moth treatment into a grant.
- We need more information on what the brown tail moths are doing to the trees.
- More opinions - Is it moving North in a year or two?
- Committee Members have asked for a comprehensive List of Belfast Brown Tail Moth resources: Lisa will begin this
 - One resource is Belfast presentation on line
 - Should this have a link to donate
 - Lisa will make a resource list
 - Drexel White put on a presentation , we can speak to him again for newest information
 - Most likely will need a committee to decide how to budget the money for brown tail moth (\$5000)

Agenda for Next Meeting: Look at Tree Inventory and update at next meeting, Continue Work on Grants, Continue Brown Tail Moth discussion