

Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024

1. Call to order by the Chair, at 3:07. Present: Helen Weingart, Dave Stone, Leslie Ricklin
2. Approval of minutes of special meeting of March 19, 2024. Leslie moved, Dave seconded to approve the minutes. So moved.
3. No audience for citizens
4. No additions to the agenda
5. Budget report: General fund amount is unchanged: \$1,331.26; Restricted fund amount is \$4,602.78.
6. Continuing Business:
 - a. Finalize plans for the Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 26 at 5:00:
 - 1) Program: Leslie will send Helen, Dave, and 1st Selectman Juan Roman the revised program.
 - 2) Update on tree purchases: Dave will be picking up the 4 spice bushes on Wed.
 - 3) Planting preparation: Dave will prepare holes for planting and transplanting on Fri.
 - 4) Filler for plaque holders: Helen will give Dave an inventory of what holes are empty.
 - 5) Replacing plaques: this will be done at a future work party.
 - 6) Volunteer workers: 7 adults and 4 Boy Scouts are expected to be present. Helen will send the adult volunteers information.
 - b. Update on tree marker installation: Helen has attached tree marker tags.
7. New Business:
 - a. Confirm date of next work party: **Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 5-7.**
 - b. Edit mission statement to include non-native tree varieties: Susan Welshman typed the following in the statement on the Arboretum website: “The Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum is a project that was undertaken by a small group of town residents to celebrate the Town’s two hundredth anniversary and to create a living legacy for the future by establishing, in a sense, an outdoor museum by planting some of the oldest and most well-loved trees native to New England *as well as some selected non-native species....*”

8. Correspondence: Request from Sally Ireland to donate a tree in honor of Kim Sprague (Helen will contact her).
Chronicle article on April 22, 2024, by Traci Hastings advertising the Arbor Day event.
9. Agenda Items for next meeting: TBA
10. Next meeting will be a special meeting on May 21, 2024, at 3:00
11. Adjourned at 4:05

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Ricklin, Secretary