

Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair at 3:05. Present were Helen Weingart, Dave Stone, and Leslie Ricklin
2. Confirm Arbor Day plan for April 25, 2025 at 5:00 at Garrison Park. Jane Seymour will be a guest speaker and conduct a tree walk. Helen will welcome all guests and introduce the speaker and thank the volunteers for their dedication. The tree walk will end at the White Ash tree where Dave will tell that story. Helen and Leslie will construct a display for Arbor Day to be at the library.
3. Confirm Work Party plan for April 10 (Friday) at 5:00: volunteers will plant the White Ash Tree, remove deer netting from around trees, and apply mulch. Leslie will contact Linda Caron about inviting Boy Scouts to help and make some refreshments.
4. Draft an Arboretum Commission “planting plan” that addresses the pine grove area in front of the Town Hall once the trees are removed by DOT.

The pine grove is aging out and presents potential damage from falling limbs. The State’s DOT will start to remove the front line of these pines soon which will impact the rest of the grove. As this area, once cleared, could be added to the care of the Arboretum Commission, the following motion was made:

The Arboretum Commission requests the Board of Selectmen, with the support of the Tree Warden, to classify the current pine grove area in front of the Town Hall for the extension and management of the Arboretum once the trees are removed and the ground is suitably prepared for planting. Leslie moved, Dave seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, Secretary