

Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2024

1. Call to order by the Chair, at 3:00. Present: Helen Weingart, Dave Stone, Leslie Ricklin
2. Approval of minutes of special meeting of April 23, 2024. **Leslie moved, Dave seconded to approve the minutes. So moved.**
3. No audience for citizens
4. Budget report: General fund amount is \$836.38; Restricted fund amount is \$4,732.78.
5. Continuing Business:
 - a. Plaque replacement: Dave reported that the old plaques come out easily. Empty plaque containers will also be pulled up. **Dave moved, Leslie seconded to spend up to \$20.00 for glue to use in setting the plaques. So moved.**
 - b. Status of metal stake markers. **Dave moved, Leslie seconded to approve up to \$550 to purchase 70 markers at \$7.00 apiece. So moved.**
Pending research, Dave will present possible choices for the metal tags at the next meeting.
 - c. Response to the Facebook page: need more friends to share.
 - d. Status of Kim Sprague's memorial tree. The family is considering a Burr Oak which is a fairly rare species.
Regarding the memorial for Guy Ricklin, Leslie will send wording to Helen for the plaque to be placed by the Pitch Pines.
6. New Business:
 - a. Review of Arbor Day events: this will be put on the agenda for the July 23 meeting.
 - b. Work party report: the jobs are mostly up to date. A work party is planned for June 5, 5-7 to mulch and to plant the witch hazel mollis and remove forsythia.
 - c. Planting witch hazel mollis---see above
 - d. Summer program/library display: Helen and Leslie will meet to plan and will present ideas at the July 23 meeting.
 - e. T-shirts: **Dave moved, Leslie seconded to buy more T-shirts which will also reflect larger sizes. So moved.**
Dave moved, Helen seconded to raise the prices of the shirts from \$10 to \$15 for short sleeved shirts and from \$15 to \$20 for the long-sleeved shirts. So moved.
 - f. T-shirts for volunteers: **Dave moved, Leslie seconded to spend up to \$150 for shirts for those who have volunteered at least 3 times. So moved.** Helen will provide Dave with a number of volunteers who have helped at least 3 times and estimated sizes. The word "Volunteer" will be printed on the back and in smaller font on the front.

- g.** Dave's term ends on 5/31/2024. Helen will write to the Board of Selectmen recommending that his term be extended to a regular 3-year term.
- h.** Other

 - 1) The Commission has a town email which is Chaplintrees@chaplinct.org.
 - 2) Dave suggested buying some tools to be stored at the Park in a locked space.
Dave moved, Leslie seconded to spend up to \$200 to buy a variety of hand tools. So moved.
- 7.** Correspondence: members shared several recent newspaper articles about Arboretum activities.
- 8.** Agenda items for the next meeting (July 23,2024): Arbor Day next year, plaques, choices of metal tree tags, summer program/library display ideas.
- 9.** The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, Secretary