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## WILTON TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**To view a livestream of the meeting click on the link or paste into your browser:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81937849179?pwd=azA1VUk4bjltZTIwaFk4MzB2K0dVZz09>

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
- III. TREE WARDEN'S REPORT
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS
  1. Status of planting the oak tree for Tree Wardens
  2. Status of buying two trees for Alton Johnson
  3. Development of spreadsheet for tracking tree maintenance
  4. Schedule date to add tags to trees, take care of bricks
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Reports from subcommittees
  2. Naming of 2020 Tree Steward and selection of tree species/location – smaller size
  3. Discussion with Joshua Cole from BOS: (\*see extract from email, below)
    - a. Redeveloping 'Right Tree Right Place' guidelines for public understanding under Climate Change conditions.
      - i. Not planting under power lines; near roadways, *etc.*
    - b. Tree plantings in opened spaces (areas that have lost trees from storms) in our parks as volunteer planting days – fast-growing, to stop invasives from moving in. Track survival with no maintenance/watering. Plant 100 trees/year. Funding: small donations and/or small grant(s).
- V. TREE LEGISLATION & LAWS
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY
  1. Next newsletter - Discuss draft article about donation program; develop list of upcoming articles and determine authors and schedule
  2. Discuss preparation of webinar links on trees during Covid-19 lockdown.
  3. Virtual or live tour of Wilton Center with Lars and Nick.
- VII. ADJOURN
- VIII. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

\*Extract of email from Joshua Cole, BOS, regarding Tree Committee's assignment:

...at our September 8th Board of Selectmen meeting we discussed the four priorities for the Town for the remainder of this year.

One of the priorities is improved resiliency following weather events and improved public utility services.

We have identified the Tree Committee as one of the town's committees which we think can help implement some changes to accomplish our goal of improved resiliency.

Among the items we would like the Tree Committee to look into are:

1. Proposing an ordinance restricting tree location and height along the road and near wires (Right Tree, Right Place Standards)
2. Proposing zoning changes to reflect the ordinance
3. Implementing/accelerating a Town Tree Removal Plan and increased funding for tree removal.