

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual

Date: October 9, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Lisa Surbrook

IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Surbrook, Scott Bowers, John Wendroth, Jeannie Stith

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Permits - no new tree permit requests
2. TEDI Tree planting in the Fall
3. Power Line area - invasive plants, plans for the future, grants
4. Vegetation survey oversight/review
5. Events
6. New Business

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Surbrook called the meeting to order. This is the first meeting of the Environment Committee so there were no previous minutes.

1. Tree Permits -

No new tree permit requests.

2. TEDI Tree planting in the Fall

Timeline for tree planting

Prior to 11/6/24 – Scott Bowers will weed-wack a few areas identified by Davey Tree Service

11/6/24 – Davey Tree will deliver trees and stage them in the Beech Lane park area.

11/7 & 8 – Davey Tree Service will be onsite to begin planting the 150 trees identified as their responsibility. They are also installing deer protection.

11/9/24, 10am – 2pm – Ardencroft volunteers will be meeting to plant the remaining 50 trees. We are also inviting volunteers from Wilmington Montessori and St. Edmonds to participate.

Jeannie Stith will create advertisement about the event to post on Facebook.

4. Power Line area

Scott Bowers and Lisa Surbrook will take the lead on determining plans for clearing invasive plants, plans for the future of this area, tree watering and possible grants to transform this area. – no update at this time.

5. Vegetation Survey oversight/review

Will Ryan and crew are working on the fall survey.

6. Events

TEDI Tree area clearing/planting – November 9, 2024

Earth Day Clean up and Arbor Day Celebration – April, 2025

Invasive Plant Clearings – Winter 2024 and Spring 2025

Woods Walks - Spring 2025 and Fall 2025

7. Creek Health – this is a new topic to discuss and determine if there are state resources to have the creek tested. Kevin Nemeth will do some more research. No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Forest Stewardship policy** – Lisa Surbrook is working on the policy for Ardencroft and will have a draft at the meeting for discussion.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on January 8th, 2024 at 7pm, virtually at <https://bit.ly/Ardencroft>

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. and was passed unanimously.