

FFC – 4/16/2019

Fairfield Forestry Committee, Fairfield CT
<http://www.fairfieldct.org/forestry>

Minutes

Attending Committee Members: Mary Hogue (Chair), Jeff Minder (Tree Warden), Joe File, Tom Corell, Karin Layton, Dave McMahon, Misty Beyer (by telephone) and Geoff Steadman.

Minutes: The Minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Tree Warden Report

Electric Utility's Enhanced Tree Trimming (ETT) Program

United Illuminating (UI), the electric distribution company that services Fairfield, is still working to complete the unfinished portions of its 2018 ETT Program, although there is only a small amount of work to be done. UI has provided the Tree Warden with the names of the Streets on which it proposes to operate its 2019 ETT Program, but has not yet advised him of the specific portions of those streets, or the total number of miles, intended to be covered. UI has not yet provided the information previously requested by the Tree Warden which would allow him to determine the effectiveness of the Town's ETT Program to date by comparing recent power outages in areas in which the ETT work has been completed with those in areas in which it has not yet begun.

Newsfeed Articles: The next newsfeed should be The Value and Importance of Trees. The Tree Warden will prepare and circulate a master list of suggestions for future newsfeed topics.

Tree Planting Program (TPP):

TPP Analysis

Dave McMahon has determined that the Google Cloud Platform that he had been investigating would be more expensive than originally anticipated and that he is therefore now investigating a free platform for this data base, on which he is continuing to work

2019 Tree Sales

The trees ordered for the Spring Tree Sale have been received into inventory and are ready for planting, which will begin within a week for orders already received and will continue through the Spring while inventory lasts.

Roots to Branches Workshop: Preparations for the Workshop are mostly complete. A Sugar Maple Tree has been donated to the Town in honor of Arbor Day and will be planted and dedicated immediately following the Workshop.

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Joe File