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Bedford Arbor Resource Committee Meeting, 28 April 2015

Attendees: Jaci Edwards, Ruth Robinson, Jerry Mendenhall, Ken Prescott, Mike Rosenberg, Denny Freeman

Committee News:

- Welcome Mike Rosenberg as our selectman liaison
- Carol and Chris Gittens will not be continuing on the committee
- Jerry needs to renew
- Melinda, Ruth, Jaci and Ken will continue as members
- Would like additional members – up to 7

37 Hancock: Ken will check with the Planning Board.

82 Springs: Tree Warden requested the developer survey the lot. The Tree Warden enforces fines. In this case, the developer agreed to replace the trees.

Inventory: Ruth & Jaci will be manning a booth at the Unitarian Plant Sale May 16. Jaci wrote an article on the inventory for the Bedford Byline which Ruth will review. A spot should be added in the inventory input forms to identify where an additional tree would fit. Alan Bragg is interest in an inventory, but not iTree. Jaci will forward the Open Street Map information to Denny.

Invasives: Ruth & Jaci will be handing out information at the Plant Sale.

Healthy Tree Removal Policy: Ken and Jaci will work on it. Plan to review with liaisons first and then selectmen and then Roy. One question to ask is if it needs to go before town meeting.

Tree Handbook: Ken and Jaci will put together a notebook to place in the library. It will include MGL Chapter 13, tree planting and mulching guide, town policies such as tree removal, once approved.

Fruit Tree Planting Foundation: They will plant 12 fruit trees at Lane House. The fruit goes to Healthy Bedford. This is a grant application.

Old Growth Trees: Melinda Chamberlain will create a list of old growth trees both public and private.

Winter Moth Project: Ken will follow-up with Lexington to learn of Professor Elkinton's project in town.

Jenks Nature Trail: Jerry will interview the Couvees on the history of the trail. The Jenks sign is in Denny's office awaiting availability of staff to install it.

Shawsheen Cemetery: Ivan Miger is doing a preservation and landscaping study for the town in June. The DPW will then send the work out to bid. BARC may write an article.

Structural Soil: Denny was trained.

Blake Block Trees: Ruth to check status

Arbor Day DPW Tree Planting : Jaci wrote an article for the Bedford Citizen.

Other Projects with No Updates this Month: Bedford Day, Library window, liaison to the public, comprehensive plan update