

CPP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

Present: Carolyn Mathews, Gary Chan, Andrew Putnam, John Nardone, David Lefcourt, Erik Thorkildsen, Nancy Phillips, Cynthia Smith, Maggie Booz, Chantal Eide, Florrie Westcoat, Paula Cortes, Susan Ringler, Sophia Emperador, Charles Teague, Amy Thornton, Michael Thornton.

Urban Forest Master Plan: The Conservation Law Foundation authored a survey to be implemented by the Task Force planning team. They want to encourage people to respond and there are only 10 questions. They are disseminating the Survey through multiple means. The final date for completing the Survey is unknown at this time. The rationale for the Survey is to understand more clearly how people feel about trees in Cambridge. According to John Nardone, this is "only one tool in the toolbox". The Planning Team needs to collect data in depth in order for the resultant information to be accurate.

Climate change information is being gathered currently by soil sampling across the city

Arborist Update: Tree planting: 200 trees will be planted this fall. Fifty of the trees are Participatory Budget trees. The planting should begin early October and be completed within 4 -6 weeks. The department will plant about 10 trees a day. Next Spring, David will plant another fifty trees in East Cambridge and North Cambridge. David scouted locations for damaged and fallen trees to be replaced and put stickers on sidewalks at good spots for new trees. The owners of the properties adjacent to the proposed trees will have one week to get back to him (David said those who don't want trees near their property always get back to him within one week). He'll then make planting plans for the approved locations.

Dead trees: David said that people should email him with information about the locations of dead trees.

Lindens: David observed that some young Lindens were having difficulty getting established and he wasn't sure why. One of the committee members disagreed, saying that the Lindens she observed looked good.

Linear Park Trees: a number of the trees have died and will be replaced. David didn't have information about how many, what kinds and when the trees will be replanted.

EAB: 14 traps have been installed this year, 12 last year (2017). David has been treating trees every other year but when infestation appears stronger, the trees are treated every year. There's also been a release of 3 kinds of beneficial predator insects.

Winter Moth: The population has dropped and David isn't sure why that is the case. Possibly the decline is due to a parasitoid had been released in Wellesley.

New CPP members will be on board for the October meeting.

submitted by Carolyn Mathews