

Emily Axelrod, Janet Burns, Paula Cortes, Wayne Marshall, Chantal Eide, Florrie Wescoat, David Davis, David Lefcourt, Gitte Venicx, Catherine Woodbury, Carolyn Mathews Jonathan Lewis, Michael Hanlon

Minutes taken by Michael Hanlon

- \* We will revisit the pay and park system on Mass Ave. Florrie Wescoat will update and rewrite minutes for March in which the subject of pay and park was omitted.
- \* There will be an action item in which David Davis asked David Lefcourt to show us the formula for the city's structural soil and to compare them with Nina Bassuk's formula for stone based structural soils.
- \* Catherine Woodbury, Project Manager for the city, attended the meeting to answer any question regarding engineering in regards to projects of interest to the CPP. ie. Mass Ave improvement project. Catherine has agreed to provide us with engineering standards as it impacts tree planting. Catherine answered questions about permeable pavement in the gutters or (non driving areas) along the sewer separation project in the Huron Ave neighborhood. The committee was concerned about salt and contaminants leaching into the root zone of the trees. She informed us that the University of New Hampshire has a test site of permeable pavement. We also learned how it is installed and that it is currently in use along Western Ave. and Brookline Ave. She said the city reports to the EPA annually on best management practices in storm water management .

#### Arborist Update:

The city has hired a new contractor for planting trees for this fiscal year - Central Nurseries Inc. Chepachet Rhode Island. David Lefcourt will still tag the trees either at their nursery or another. David hopes to plant 150 trees this spring. There is currently a 12 month lag between the removal of a tree and stump and the replanting of a new tree in the same space. Presently, there is general pruning happening throughout the city and it is not concentrated in one specific area with the exception scheduled pruning of the trees in Longfellow Park.

- \* Arbor Day will take place Friday May 2 at the King Open School.
- \* The tree hearing for Whittemore Ave was postponed until more information can be obtained from the Gas Company.

#### Action Items:

D.L. is in touch with the CPGC concerning tree planting at the Library.  
D.L. will supply photos of trees that are slated to be removed or he will send us a list of their locations.  
D.L. will look into a discounted rate for EAB treatment.  
D.L. will find out who is to replace Taha from Community Development.  
D.L. will pull up the UVM study on tree canopy and asphalt coverage and share it at the next meeting - currently D.L. said Cambridge has approximately 30% tree canopy coverage.

Next meeting will be focused on goal setting suggestions for the group over the next 3 years along with discussion for staggered terms.

Our newest members Wayne Marshall from the league of Urban Cannors spoke of citizen stewardship and expanding fruit and nut trees in the city.

Jonathan Lewis who works for HARC suggested we focus on climate change and sustainable urban forestry in order to reduce energy and benefit our local environment.

Ellen Coppinger and D.L. thought the committee could come up with some ideas for a bill board in order to encourage people to make best use of the gator bags.