

**TOWN OF ORONO**  
**TREE BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AT 5:00PM**

**IN-PERSON**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**59 MAIN STREET, ORONO, ME 04473**

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call & Introductions**

**Present:** Co-Chair Dave Thompson, Co-Chair Tim White, Pat Thompson, Cindy Blease, Jennifer Dann, Public Works Director and Tree Warden Rob Yerxa, and Environmental Services Coordinator Megan Hess.

**Absent:** Kenny Fergusson, Terri Triandafillou, and Jason Clarke.

**2. Agenda Review - No changes**

**3. Approval of Minutes of August 2nd, 2022 Board Meeting**

Motion by Jennifer Dann and seconded by David Thompson to accept the minutes. All voted in favor, 5-0.

**4. Tree Warden Update & Tree Evaluations:**

- **Tree Maintenance Update:** The large cottonwood on Park Street and College Avenue was taken down. The smaller dead trees on College Avenue were also taken down. The trees on Essex Street will be taken down soon. David Ludwig has been doing a great job finding trees that the Tree Board needs to review while he is completing the tree inventory. The Board will have another list of trees to look at in a week or so to review before the October meeting.

**5. Grants Update**

- **Invasive Plant Control Practice Plan:** Hunter Manley is going to walk the Colburn Lot and complete the plan this month. He will send the plan to the Board to review.
- **Urban Tree Inventory:** Megan Hess said David Ludwig has inventoried over 1,300 trees so far for this project and he should be able to finish up data collection this month. The Board will plan on having him present his findings at a future meeting.
- **Tree Planting Update & Planning for Fall Planting:** Megan Hess told the Board that there is about 50% survival with the bare root transplants on Godfrey Drive. The flags from the dead trees have been moved to native oaks that are sprouting up to be able to keep an eye on them. She noted, spring planting instead of fall may have better success.

## **6. Review of Applications for Open Associate Member Position**

Motion by David Thompson and seconded by Tim White to recommend the appointment of Jayme Titus as an Associate Member to the Tree Board, to fill the unexpired 3-year term until April, 2023. All voted in favor 5,0.

**7. Wildlife Garden Work Day:** The Board will remove invasive species and do some clean up work. An email will be circulated to plan a time to meet.

## **8. Monthly Tree Board Activity Update**

- **Chairperson Update:** None

## **9. Adjournment - Next Meeting Tuesday, October 4th, 5:00 p.m.**

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy W. Ward  
Executive Assistant